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(57) **Abstract:** The invention provides formulations and structural modifications for phenothiazine compounds which result in altered biodistributions, thereby reducing the occurrence of adverse reactions associated with this class of drug.

FORMULATIONS, CONJUGATES, AND COMBINATIONS OF DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF NEOPLASMS

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to the treatment of neoplasms such as cancer.

Cancer is a disease marked by the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells. Cancer cells have overcome the barriers imposed in normal cells, which have a finite lifespan, to grow indefinitely. As the growth of cancer cells continue, genetic alterations may persist until the cancerous cell has manifested itself to pursue a more aggressive growth phenotype. If left untreated, metastasis, the spread of cancer cells to distant areas of the body by way of the lymph system or bloodstream, may ensue, destroying healthy tissue.

The treatment of cancer has been hampered by the fact that there is considerable heterogeneity even within one type of cancer. Some cancers, for example, have the ability to invade tissues and display an aggressive course of growth characterized by metastases. These tumors generally are associated with a poor outcome for the patient. Ultimately, tumor heterogeneity results in the phenomenon of multiple drug resistance, i.e., resistance to a wide range of structurally unrelated cytotoxic anticancer compounds, J. H. Gerlach et al., *Cancer Surveys*, 5:25-46 (1986). The underlying cause of progressive drug resistance may be due to a small population of drug-resistant cells within the tumor (e.g., mutant cells) at the time of diagnosis, as described, for example, by J. H. Goldie and Andrew J. Coldman, *Cancer Research*, 44:3643-3653 (1984). Treating such a tumor with a single drug can result in remission, where the tumor shrinks in size as a result of the killing of the predominant drug-sensitive cells. However, with the drug-sensitive cells gone, the remaining drug-resistant cells can continue to

multiply and eventually dominate the cell population of the tumor. Therefore, the problems of why metastatic cancers develop pleiotropic resistance to all available therapies, and how this might be countered, are the most pressing in cancer chemotherapy.

Anticancer therapeutic approaches are needed that are reliable for a wide variety of tumor types, and particularly suitable for invasive tumors. Importantly, the treatment must be effective with minimal host toxicity.

The brain is well protected from outside influences by the blood-brain barrier, which prevents the free entry of many circulating molecules, cells or micro-organisms into the brain interstitial space. However, this is not true for many drugs, such as phenothiazines, which penetrate the blood-brain barrier. While desirable for the treatment of brain disorders or brain tumors, when used to treat peripheral disorders (e.g., cancers localized outside the brain), the brain is exposed to the phenothiazine without any therapeutic benefit and with the possibility of adverse effects. Side effects most frequently reported with phenothiazine compounds are extrapyramidal symptoms including pseudo-parkinsonism, dystonia, dyskinesia, akathisia, oculogyric crises, opisthotonos, and hyperreflexia. New drugs and drug formulations that treat cancer without significant exposure to the brain can provide effective cancer treatment with reduced side effects and a greater therapeutic index.

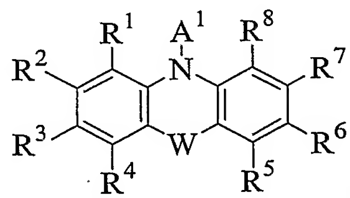
Summary of the Invention

The invention provides formulations and structural modifications for phenothiazine compounds which result in altered biodistributions, thereby reducing the occurrence of side effects associated with this class of drug.

The invention features a phenothiazine conjugate including a phenothiazine covalently attached via a linker to a bulky group of greater than 200 daltons or a charged group of less than 200 daltons. The phenothiazine conjugate has anti-

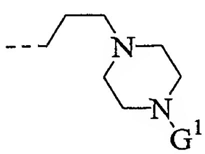
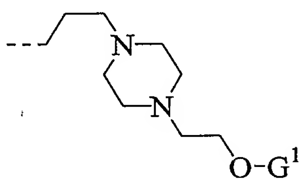
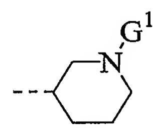
proliferative activity *in vivo* and reduced activity in the central nervous system in comparison to the parent phenothiazine.

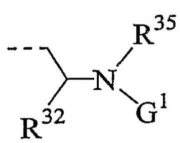
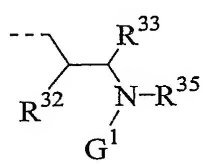
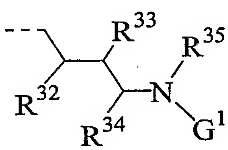
Desirably, the phenothiazine conjugate is described by formula (I):



(I)

In formula (I), R^2 is selected from the group consisting of: CF_3, halogen, OCH_3, $COCH_3$, CN, OCF_3, $COCH_2CH_3$, $CO(CH_2)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, and SCH_2CH_3; A^1 is selected from the group consisting of G^1,

 ,  ,  ,

 ,  , and  ,

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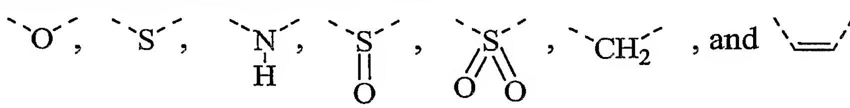
each of R^1, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, and R^8 is independently H, OH, F, OCF_3, or OCH_3; R^{32}, R^{33}, R^{34}, and R^{35}, are each, independently, selected from H or C_{1-6} alkyl; W is selected from the group consisting of: NO,



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and G^1 is a bond between the phenothiazine and the linker.

The linker L is described by formula (II):

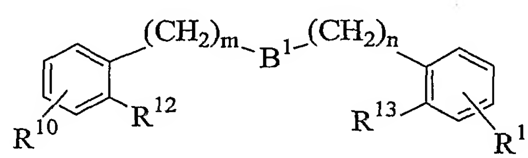
$$G^1\text{-}(Z^1)_o\text{-}(Y^1)_u\text{-}(Z^2)_s\text{-}(R^9)\text{-}(Z^3)_t\text{-}(Y^2)_v\text{-}(Z^4)_p\text{-}G^2$$

(II)

In formula (II), G^1 is a bond between the phenothiazine and the linker, G^2 is a bond between the linker and the bulky group or between the linker and the charged group, each of Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, and Z^4 is, independently, selected from O, S, and NR^{39}; R^{39} is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} alkyl group; each of Y^1 and Y^2 is, independently, selected from carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulphonyl, phosphoryl or similar acid-forming groups; o, p, s, t, u, and v are each independently 0 or 1; and R^9 is C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} heteroalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, a C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{5-10} aryl, a cyclic system of 3 to 10 atoms, or a chemical bond linking G^1-$(Z^1)_o$-$(Y^1)_u$-$(Z^2)_s$- to -$(Z^3)_t$-$(Y^2)_v$-$(Z^4)_p$–G^2.

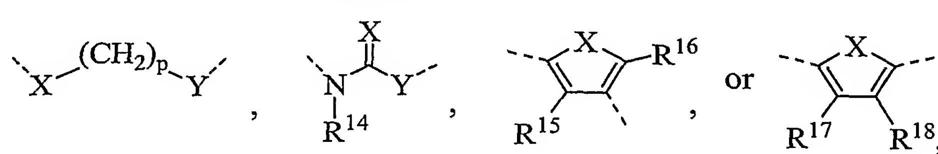
The bulky group can be a naturally occurring polymer or a synthetic polymer. Natural polymers that can be used include, without limitation, glycoproteins, polypeptides, or polysaccharides. Desirably, when the bulky group includes a natural polymer, the natural polymer is selected from alpha-1-acid glycoprotein and hyaluronic acid. Synthetic polymers that can be used as bulky groups include, without limitation, polyethylene glycol, and the synthetic polypetide N-hxg.

The bulky group may also include another therapeutic agent. Desirably, the therapeutic agent conjugated to the phenothiazine of formula (I) via a linker of formula (II) is a compound of formula (III):



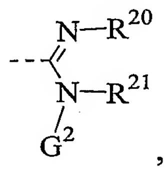
(III).

In formula (III), B^1 is selected from

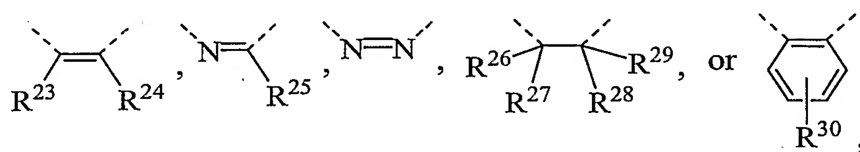


wherein each of X and Y is, independently, O, NR^{19}, or S; each of R^{14} and R^{19} is,

independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; each of R^{15}, R^{16}, R^{17}, and R^{18} is, independently, H, halogen, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; p is an integer between 2 and 6, inclusive; each of m and n is, independently, an integer between 0 and 2, inclusive; each of R^{10} and R^{11} is



wherein R^{21} is H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, acyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; R^{20} is H, OH, or acyl, or R^{20} and R^{21} together represent



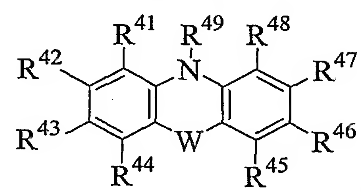
wherein each of R^{23}, R^{24}, and R^{25} is, independently, H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; each of R^{26}, R^{27}, R^{28}, and R^{29} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; and R^{30} is H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, NO_2, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; each of R^{12} and R^{13} is, independently, H, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3, OCF_3, NO_2, and NH_2, or R^{12} and R^{13} together form a single bond; and G^2 is a bond between the compound of formula (III) and the linker.

The charged group can be a cation or an anion. Desirably, the charged group is a polyanion having at least three negatively charged moieties or a polycation having at least three positively charged moieties.

The invention features a method for inhibiting passage across the blood-brain barrier of a phenothiazine by covalent attachment of a bulky group of greater than 200 daltons or a charged group of less than 200 daltons. The group increases the size, or alters the charge, of the phenothiazine sufficiently to inhibit passage across the blood-brain barrier without destroying the antiproliferative activity of the phenothiazine covalently attached to the group.

The invention also features liposomal composition that includes an effective amount of a phenothiazine conjugate described herein.

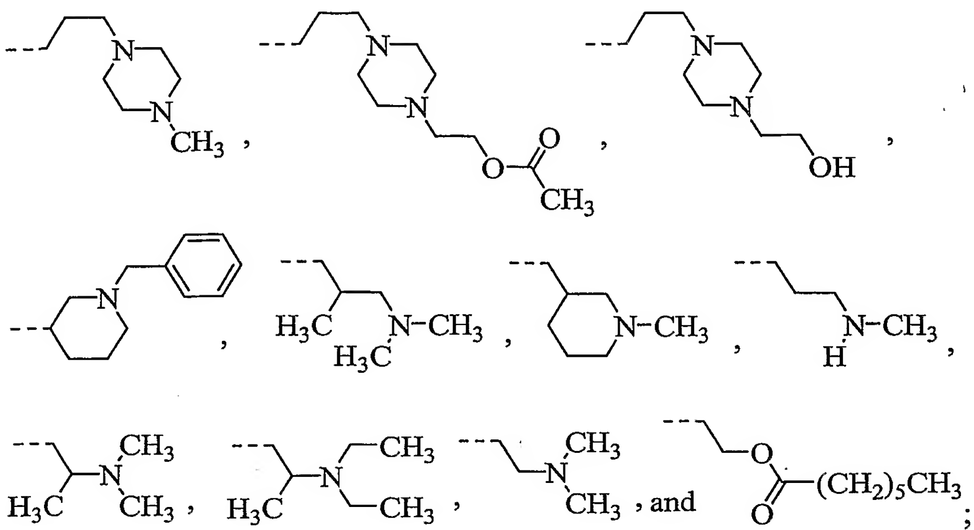
In another aspect, the invention features a liposomal composition that includes (a) a compound of formula (IV):



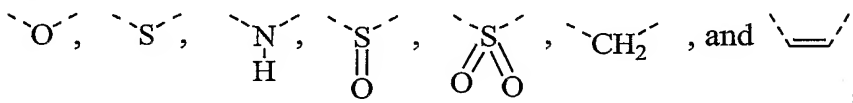
(IV),

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R^{42} is selected from the group consisting of: CF_3, halogen, OCH_3, $COCH_3$, CN, OCF_3, $COCH_2CH_3$, $CO(CH_2)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, and SCH_2CH_3;

R^{49} is selected from the group consisting of:



each of R^{41}, R^{43}, R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47}, and R^{48} is independently H, OH, F, OCF_3, or OCH_3; and W is selected from the group consisting of: NO,

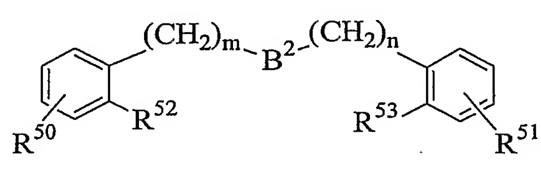


, and

(b) an antiproliferative agent, wherein each are present in amounts that together are sufficient to inhibit the growth of a neoplasm.

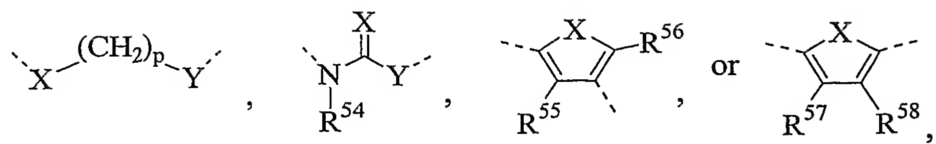
Preferably, the compound of formula (IV) is acepromazine, chlorpromazine, cyamemazine, fluphenazine, mepazine, methotrimeprazine, methoxypromazine, perazine, perphenazine, prochlorperazine, promethazine, propiomazine, thiethylperazine, thiopropazate, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, or triflupromazine.

The liposomal formulation, desirably, contains an anti-proliferative agent of formula (V):

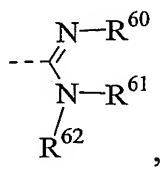


(V),

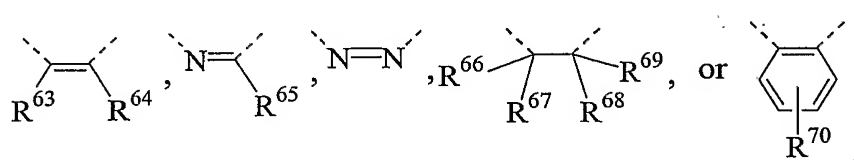
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In formula (V), B^2 is



wherein each of X and Y is, independently, O, NR^{59}, or S; each of R^{54} and R^{59} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; each of R^{55}, R^{56}, R^{57}, and R^{58} is, independently, H, halogen, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; p is an integer between 2 and 6, inclusive; each of m and n is, independently, an integer between 0 and 2, inclusive; each of R^{50} and R^{51} is



wherein R^{61} is H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, acyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; R^{62} is H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, acyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; and R^{60} is H, OH, or acyl,, or R^{60} and R^{61} together represent



wherein each of R^{63}, R^{64}, and R^{65} is, independently, H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; each of R^{66}, R^{67}, R^{68}, and R^{69} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; and R^{30} is H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, NO_2, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6}

heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl; each of R^{52} and R^{53} is, independently, H, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3, OCF_3, NO_2, and NH_2, or R^{52} and R^{53} together form a single bond.

Compounds of formula (V) useful in the methods and compositions of the invention include pentamidine, propamidine, butamidine, heptamidine, nonamidine, stilbamidine, hydroxystilbamidine, diminazene, dibrompropamidine, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene, and 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime.

In one embodiment of the liposomal formulation, the compound of formula (IV) is chlorpromazine, perphenazine or promethazine and the compound of formula (V) is pentamidine, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, or 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime.

The invention also features a liposomal formulation that includes (a) a first compound selected from prochlorperazine, perphenazine, mepazine, methotrimeprazine, acepromazine, thiopropazate, perazine, propiomazine, putaperazine, thiethylperazine, methopromazine, chlorfenethazine, cyamemazine, perphenazine, norchlorpromazine, trifluoperazine, thioridazine (or a salt of any of the above), and dopamine D2 antagonists (e.g., sulpride, pimozide, spiperone, ethopropazine, clebopride, bupropion, and haloperidol), and, (b) a second compound selected from pentamidine, propamidine, butamidine, heptamidine, nonamidine, stilbamidine, hydroxystilbamidine, diminazene, benzamidine,

phenamidine, dibrompropamidine, 1,3-bis(4-amidino-2-methoxyphenoxy)propane, phenamidine, amicarbalide, 1,5-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)pentane, 1,3-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,3-bis(2'-methoxy-4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,4-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)butane, 1,5-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)pentane, 1,4-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)butane, 1,3-bis(4'-(4-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,3-bis(2'-methoxy-4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-amidoxime, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-O-ethylamidoxime, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,8-diamidinodibenzothiophene, 2,8-bis(N-isopropylamidino)carbazole, 2,8-bis(N-hydroxyamidino)carbazole, 2,8-bis(2-imidazolinyl)dibenzothiophene, 2,8-bis(2-imidazolinyl)-5,5-dioxodibenzothiophene, 3,7-diamidinodibenzothiophene, 3,7-bis(N-isopropylamidino)dibenzothiophene, 3,7-bis(N-hydroxyamidino)dibenzothiophene, 3,7-diaminodibenzothiophene, 3,7-dibromodibenzothiophene, 3,7-dicyanodibenzothiophene, 2,8-diamidinodibenzofuran, 2,8-di(2-imidazolinyl)dibenzofuran, 2,8-di(N-isopropylamidino)dibenzofuran, 2,8-di(N-hydroxylamidino)dibenzofuran, 3,7-di(2-imidazolinyl)dibenzofuran, 3,7-di(isopropylamidino)dibenzofuran, 3,7-di(N-hydroxylamidino)dibenzofuran, 2,8-dicyanodibenzofuran, 4,4'-dibromo-2,2'-

dinitrobiphenyl, 2-methoxy-2'-nitro-4,4'-dibromobiphenyl, 2-methoxy-2'-amino-4,4'-dibromobiphenyl, 3,7-dibromodibenzofuran, 3,7-dicyanodibenzofuran, 2,5-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)pyrrole, 2,5-bis[5-(2-imidazolinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyrrole, 2,6-bis[5-(2-imidazolinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyridine, 1-methyl-2,5-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)pyrrole, 1-methyl-2,5-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyrrole, 1-methyl-2,5-bis[5-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrimidinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyrrole, 2,6-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazoyl)pyridine, 2,6-bis[5-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrimidinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyridine, 2,5-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)furan, 2,5-bis-[5-(2-imidazolinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]furan, 2,5-bis-(5-N-isopropylamidino-2-benzimidazolyl)furan, 2,5-bis-(4-guanylphenyl)furan, 2,5-bis(4-guanylphenyl)-3,4-dimethylfuran, 2,5-bis{p-[2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidyl)phenyl]}furan, 2,5-bis[4-(2-imidazolinyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5[bis-{4-(2-tetrahydropyrimidinyl)}phenyl]-3-(p-tolyloxy)furan, 2,5[bis{4-(2-imidazolinyl)}phenyl]-3-(p-tolyloxy)furan, 2,5-bis{4-[5-(N-2-aminoethylamido)benzimidazol-2-yl]phenyl}furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-1,3-diazepin-2-yl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis(4-N,N-dimethylcarboxhydrazidephenyl)furan, 2,5-bis{4-[2-(N-2-hydroxyethyl)imidazolinyl]phenyl}furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-isopropylamidino)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis{4-[3-(dimethylaminopropyl)amidino]phenyl}furan, 2,5-bis{4-[N-(3-aminopropyl)amidino]phenyl}furan, 2,5-bis[2-(imidzaolinyl)phenyl]-3,4-bis(methoxymethyl)furan, 2,5-bis[4-N-(dimethylaminoethyl)guanyl]phenylfuran, 2,5-bis{4-[(N-2-hydroxyethyl)guanyl]phenyl}furan, 2,5-bis[4-N-(cyclopropylguanyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N,N-diethylaminopropyl)guanyl]phenylfuran, 2,5-bis{4-[2-(N-ethylimidazolinyl)]phenyl}furan, 2,5-bis{4-[N-(3-pentylguanyl)]}phenylfuran, 2,5-bis[4-(2-imidazolinyl)phenyl]-3-methoxyfuran, 2,5-bis[4-(N-

isopropylamidino)phenyl]-3-methylfuran, bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]methane, bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]methane, 1,2-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]ethane, 1,2-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]ethane, 1,3-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,3-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,4-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]butane, 1,8-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]octane, trans-1,2-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]ethene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-methylbutane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-ethylbutane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-methyl-1-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2,3-diethyl-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1,3-butadiene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]methane, 1,2-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]ethane, 1,3-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,3-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]butane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-methylbutane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-ethylbutane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-methyl-1-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2,3-diethyl-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1,3-butadiene, and 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, 2,4-bis(4-guanylphenyl)pyrimidine, 2,4-bis(4-imidazolin-2-yl)pyrimidine, 2,4-bis[(tetrahydropyrimidinyl-2-yl)phenyl]pyrimidine, 2-(4-[N-i-propylguanyl]phenyl)-4-(2-methoxy-4-[N-i-propylguanyl]phenyl)pyrimidine, 4-(N-cyclopentylamidino)-1,2-phenylene diamine, 2,5-bis-[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]furan,

2,5-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 1-methyl-2,5-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]-1-methylpyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]-1-methylpyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]thiophene, 2,6-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]pyridine, 2,6-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]pyridine, 4,4'-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]-1,2-diphenylethane, 4,4'-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]-2,5-diphenylfuran, 2,5-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]benzo[b]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]benzo[b]furan, 2,7-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]fluorine, 2,5-bis[4-(3-(N-morpholinopropyl)carbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(2-N,N-dimethylaminoethylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3-N,N-dimethylaminopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3-N-methyl-3-N-phenylaminopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3-N, N^8,N^{11}-trimethylaminopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[3-amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[3-(N-isopropylamidino)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[3[(N-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)amidino]phenylfuran, 2,5-bis[4-(N-2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-thioethylcarbonyl) amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-benzyloxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-(4-fluoro)-phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-(4-methoxy)phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4(1-

acetoxyethoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, and 2,5-bis[4-(N-(3-fluoro)phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, or a salt of any of the above.

Alternatively, the second compound can be a functional analog of pentamidine, such as netropsin, distamycin, bleomycin, actinomycin, daunorubicin, or a compound that falls within a formula provided in any of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,428,051; 5,521,189; 5,602,172; 5,643,935; 5,723,495; 5,843,980; 6,008,247; 6,025,398; 6,172,104; 6,214,883; and 6,326,395, or U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. US 2001/0044468 A1 and US 2002/0019437 A1.

The invention also features a method for treating a patient who has a neoplasm, or inhibiting the development of a neoplasm in a patient who is at risk for developing a neoplasm. The method includes the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of any of the phenothiazine conjugates, phenothiazine formulations, or combinations described herein.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for treating a patient who has a neoplasm, or inhibiting the development of a neoplasm in a patient who is at risk for developing a neoplasm by administering to the patient a pharmaceutical composition that includes a phenothiazine conjugate of formula (I) and a compound of formula (V), wherein each are administered in amounts that together are sufficient to treat a neoplasm in a patient.

The combination of a compound of formula (I) and a compound of formula (V) can be administered within thirty days of each other. Preferably, all treatments are administered within fourteen or ten days of each other, more preferably within five days of each other, and most preferably within twenty-four hours of each other or even simultaneously. The compounds can be administered by the same or different routes. Exemplary routes of administration include intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, inhalation, rectal, buccal, topical, or oral administration. These compounds are administered in amounts that, when

administered together to a patient having a neoplasm, reduce cell proliferation in the neoplasm.

Depending on the type of cancer and its stage of development, the combination therapy can be used to treat cancer, to slow the spreading of the cancer, to slow the cancer's growth, to kill or arrest cancer cells that may have spread to other parts of the body from the original tumor, to relieve symptoms caused by the cancer, or to prevent cancer in the first place. Combination therapy can also help people live more comfortably by eliminating cancer cells that cause pain or discomfort.

The administration of a combination of the present invention allows for the administration of lower doses of each compound, providing similar efficacy and lower toxicity compared to administration of either compound alone. Alternatively, such combinations result in improved efficacy in treating neoplasms with similar or reduced toxicity.

Cancers treated according to any of the methods of the invention can be, for example, leukemias (e.g., acute leukemia, acute lymphocytic leukemia, acute myelocytic leukemia, acute myeloblastic leukemia, acute promyelocytic leukemia, acute myelomonocytic leukemia, acute monocytic leukemia, acute erythroleukemia, chronic leukemia, chronic myelocytic leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia), polycythemia vera, lymphoma (Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's disease), Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia, heavy chain disease, and solid tumors such as sarcomas and carcinomas (e.g., fibrosarcoma, myxosarcoma, liposarcoma, chondrosarcoma, osteogenic sarcoma, chordoma, angiosarcoma, endotheliosarcoma, lymphangiosarcoma, lymphangioendotheliosarcoma, synovioma, mesothelioma, Ewing's tumor, leiomyosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, colon carcinoma, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, sweat gland carcinoma, sebaceous gland carcinoma, papillary carcinoma, papillary

adenocarcinomas, cystadenocarcinoma, medullary carcinoma, bronchogenic carcinoma, renal cell carcinoma, hepatoma, bile duct carcinoma, choriocarcinoma, seminoma, embryonal carcinoma, Wilm's tumor, cervical cancer, uterine cancer, testicular cancer, lung carcinoma, small cell lung carcinoma, bladder carcinoma, epithelial carcinoma, glioma, astrocytoma, medulloblastoma, craniopharyngioma, ependymoma, pinealoma, hemangioblastoma, acoustic neuroma, oligodendroglioma, schwannoma, meningioma, melanoma, neuroblastoma, and retinoblastoma. Preferably, the cancer being treated is lung cancer, especially lung cancer attributed to squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarinoma, or large cell carcinoma, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, especially ovarian adenocarcinoma, prostate cancer; gastric cancer, esophageal cancer, head and neck cancer, or thyroid cancer.

As used herein, the terms "cancer" or "neoplasm" or "neoplastic cells" is meant a collection of cells multiplying in an abnormal manner. Cancer growth is uncontrolled and progressive, and occurs under conditions that would not elicit, or would cause cessation of, multiplication of normal cells. The terms also encompass the original site of proliferation ("primary tumor or cancer") and invasion of other tissues, or organs beyond the primary site ("metastisis") by neoplastic cells.

By "inhibits the growth of a neoplasm" is meant measurably slows, stops, or reverses the growth rate of the neoplasm or neoplastic cells *in vitro* or *in vivo*. Desirably, a slowing of the growth rate is by at least 20%, 30%, 50%, or even 70%, as determined using a suitable assay for determination of cell growth rates (e.g., a cell growth assay described herein). Typically, a reversal of growth rate is accomplished by initiating or accelerating necrotic or apoptotic mechanisms of cell death in the neoplastic cells, resulting in a shrinkage of the neoplasm.

As used herein, the term "treating" refers to administering a pharmaceutical composition for prophylactic and/or therapeutic purposes. To "prevent disease"

refers to prophylactic treatment of a patient who is not yet ill, but who is susceptible to, or otherwise at risk of, a particular disease. To "treat disease" or use for "therapeutic treatment" refers to administering treatment to a patient already suffering from a disease to improve the patient's condition. Thus, in the claims and embodiments, treating is the administration to a mammal either for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes.

The term "administration" or "administering" refers to a method of giving a dosage of a pharmaceutical composition to a mammal, wherein the phenothiazine, phenothiazine conjugate, or phenothiazine combination is administered by a route selected from, without limitation, inhalation, ocular administration, nasal instillation, parenteral administration, dermal administration, transdermal administration, buccal administration, rectal administration, sublingual administration, perilingual administration, nasal administration, topical administration and oral administration. Parenteral administration includes intravenous, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous, and intramuscular administration. The preferred method of administration can vary depending on various factors, e.g., the components of the pharmaceutical composition, site of the potential or actual disease and severity of disease.

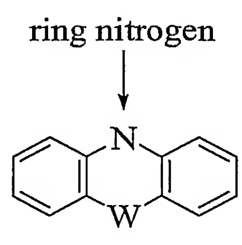
By "an effective amount" is meant the amount of a compound, or combination according to the invention, required to inhibit the growth of the cells of a neoplasm *in vivo*. The effective amount of active compound(s) used to practice the present invention for therapeutic treatment of neoplasms (i.e., cancer) varies depending upon the manner of administration, the age, body weight, sex, race, vital organ function, and general health of the subject. Ultimately, the attending physician or veterinarian will decide the appropriate amount and dosage regimen. Such amount is referred to as an "effective" amount.

By "parent phenothiazine" is meant the phenothiazine which is modified by conjugation to a bulky group or a charged group.

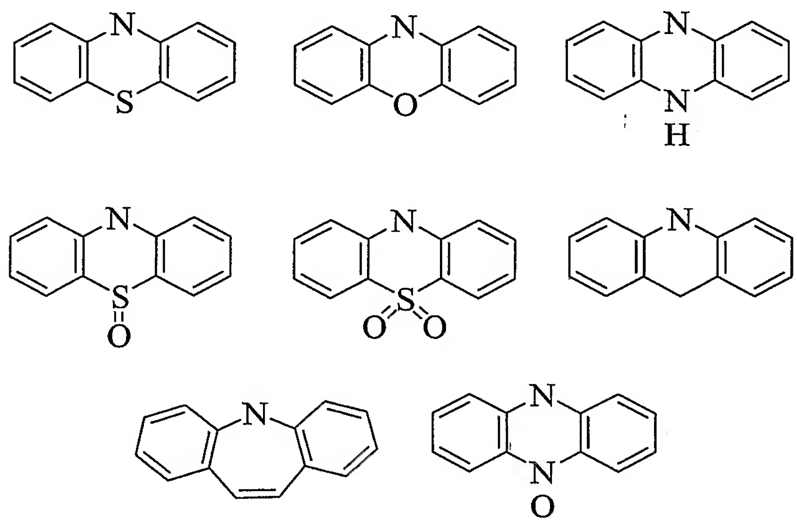
By "reduced CNS activity" for a phenothiazine conjugate is meant that the ratio of AUC_{brain} (area under the curve in brain tissue) to AUC_{blood} (area under the curves in whole blood) is reduced for the phenothiazine conjugate in comparison to the parent phenothiazine administered under the same conditions. The AUC calculation includes the administered compound and any metabolites thereof having antiproliferative activity. Desirably the AUC_{brain}/AUC_{blood} ratio is reduced by 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, or even 95%.

As used herein, "targeting" of neoplasms refers to a phenothiazine conjugate which increases the ratio of $AUC_{neoplasm}$ (area under the curve in neoplasm tissue) to AUC_{blood} (area under the curve in whole blood) for the phenothiazine conjugate in comparison to the parent phenothiazine administered under the same conditions. Phenothiazine-containing formulations may also be targeted to a neoplasm, e.g., liposomal formulations, pegylated formulations, or microencapsulated formulations,, resulting in an increase in the $AUC_{neoplasm}/AUC_{blood}$ ratio for the formulation in comparison to the phenothiazine administered as a non-particulate formulation. Neoplasm targeting, with concomitant long neoplasm exposure times, can increase the proportion of neoplasm that do not move into cell cycle dvision when drug concentrations are high. Desirably the $AUC_{neoplasm}/AUC_{blood}$ ratio is increased by 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, or even 95%.

By "linked through the ring nitrogen" is meant that the charged group, bulky group, or linker is covalently attached to a substituent of ring nitrogen as identified below.



By "phenothiazine" is meant any compound having a phenothiazine ring structure or related ring structure as shown below. Thus, ring systems for which the ring sulfur atom is oxidized, or replaced by O, NH, CH_2, or CH=CH are encompassed by the generic description "phenothiazine." For all of the ring systems show below, phenothiazines include those ring substitutions and nitrogen substitutions provide for in formulas (I) and (IV).



By "charged group" is meant a group comprising three or more charged moieties.

By "charged moiety" is meant a moiety which loses a proton at physiological pH thereby becoming negatively charged (e.g., carboxylate, or phosphate), a moiety which gains a proton at physiological pH thereby becoming positively charged (e.g., ammonium, guanidinium, or amidinium), a moiety that includes a net formal positive charge without protonation (e.g., quaternary ammonium), or a moiety that includes a net formal negative charge without loss of a proton (e.g., borate, BR_4^-).

In the generic descriptions of compounds of this invention, the number of atoms of a particular type in a substituent group is generally given as a range, e.g.,

an alkyl group containing from 1 to 7 carbon atoms or C_{1-7} alkyl. Reference to such a range is intended to include specific references to groups having each of the integer number of atoms within the specified range. For example, an alkyl group from 1 to 7 carbon atoms includes each of C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, and C_7. A C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, for example, includes from 1 to 6 carbon atoms in addition to one or more heteroatoms. Other numbers of atoms and other types of atoms may be indicated in a similar manner.

As used herein, the terms "alkyl" and the prefix "alk-" are inclusive of both straight chain and branched chain groups and of cyclic groups, i.e., cycloalkyl. Cyclic groups can be monocyclic or polycyclic and preferably have from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms, inclusive. Exemplary cyclic groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, and cyclohexyl groups. The alkyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. Exemplary substituents include alkoxy, aryloxy, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, halogen, hydroxyl, fluoroalkyl, perfluoralkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, disubstituted amino, quaternary amino, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, and carboxyl groups. Exemplary alkyls include, without limitation, methyl; ethyl; n-propyl; isopropyl; cyclopropyl; cyclopropylmethyl; cyclopropylethyl; n-butyl; iso-butyl; sec-butyl; tert-butyl; cyclobutyl; cyclobutylmethyl; cyclobutylethyl; n-pentyl; cyclopentyl; cyclopentylmethyl; cyclopentylethyl; 1-methylbutyl; 2-methylbutyl; 3-methylbutyl; 2,2-dimethylpropyl; 1-ethylpropyl; 1,1-dimethylpropyl; 1,2-dimethylpropyl; 1-methylpentyl; 2-methylpentyl; 3-methylpentyl; 4-methylpentyl; 1,1-dimethylbutyl; 1,2-dimethylbutyl; 1,3-dimethylbutyl; 2,2-dimethylbutyl; 2,3-dimethylbutyl; 3,3-dimethylbutyl; 1-ethylbutyl; 2-ethylbutyl; 1,1,2-trimethylpropyl; 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl; 1-ethyl-1-methylpropyl; 1-ethyl-2-methylpropyl; and cyclohexyl.

By "alkenyl" is meant a branched or unbranched hydrocarbon group containing one or more double bonds. An alkenyl may optionally include monocyclic or polycyclic rings, in which each ring desirably has from three to six

members. The alkenyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. Exemplary substituents include alkoxy, aryloxy, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, halogen, hydroxyl, fluoroalkyl, perfluoralkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, disubstituted amino, quaternary amino, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, and carboxyl groups. Exemplary alkenyls include, without limitation, vinyl; allyl; 2-cyclopropyl-1-ethenyl; 1-propenyl; 1-butenyl; 2-butenyl; 3-butenyl; 2-methyl-1-propenyl; 2-methyl-2-propenyl; 1-pentenyl; 2-pentenyl; 3-pentenyl; 4-pentenyl; 3-methyl-1-butenyl; 3-methyl-2-butenyl; 3-methyl-3-butenyl; 2-methyl-1-butenyl; 2-methyl-2-butenyl; 2-methyl-3-butenyl; 2-ethyl-2-propenyl; 1-methyl-1-butenyl; 1-methyl-2-butenyl; 1-methyl-3-butenyl; 2-methyl-2-pentenyl; 3-methyl-2-pentenyl; 4-methyl-2-pentenyl; 2-methyl-3-pentenyl; 3-methyl-3-pentenyl; 4-methyl-3-pentenyl; 2-methyl-4-pentenyl; 3-methyl-4-pentenyl; 1,2-dimethyl-1-propenyl; 1,2-dimethyl-1-butenyl; 1,3-dimethyl-1-butenyl; 1,2-dimethyl-2-butenyl; 1,1-dimethyl-2-butenyl; 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenyl; 2,3-dimethyl-3-butenyl; 1,3-dimethyl-3-butenyl; 1,1-dimethyl-3-butenyl and 2,2-dimethyl-3-butenyl.

By "alkynyl" is meant a branched or unbranched hydrocarbon group containing one or more triple bonds. An alkynyl may optionally include monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic rings, in which each ring desirably has five or six members. The alkynyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. Exemplary substituents include alkoxy, aryloxy, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, halogen, hydroxy, fluoroalkyl, perfluoralkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, disubstituted amino, quaternary amino, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, and carboxyl groups. Exemplary alkynyls include, without limitation, ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, 1-butynyl, 2-butynyl, 3-butynyl, 1-pentynyl, 2-pentynyl, 3-pentynyl, 4-pentynyl, 5-hexene-1-ynyl, 2-hexynyl, 3-hexynyl, 4-hexynyl, 5-hexynyl; 1-methyl-2-propynyl; 1-methyl-2-butynyl; 1-methyl-3-butynyl; 2-methyl-3-butynyl; 1,2-dimethyl-3-butynyl; 2,2-dimethyl-3-butynyl; 1-methyl-2-pentynyl; 2-methyl-3-pentynyl; 1-methyl-4-pentynyl; 2-methyl-4-pentynyl; and 3-methyl-4-pentynyl.

By "C_{2-6} heterocyclyl" is meant a stable 5- to 7-membered monocyclic or 7- to 14-membered bicyclic heterocyclic ring which is saturated partially unsaturated or unsaturated (aromatic), and which consists of 2 to 6 carbon atoms and 1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S and including any bicyclic group in which any of the above-defined heterocyclic rings is fused to a benzene ring. The heterocyclyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. Exemplary substituents include alkoxy, aryloxy, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, halogen, hydroxy, fluoroalkyl, perfluoralkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, disubstituted amino, quaternary amino, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, and carboxyl groups. The nitrogen and sulfur heteroatoms may optionally be oxidized. The heterocyclic ring may be covalently attached via any heteroatom or carbon atom which results in a stable structure, e.g., an imidazolinyl ring may be linked at either of the ring-carbon atom positions or at the nitrogen atom. A nitrogen atom in the heterocycle may optionally be quaternized. Preferably when the total number of S and O atoms in the heterocycle exceeds 1, then these heteroatoms are not adjacent to one another. Heterocycles include, without limitation, 1H-indazole, 2-pyrrolidonyl, 2H,6H-1,5,2-dithiazinyl, 2H-pyrrolyl, 3H-indolyl, 4-piperidonyl, 4aH-carbazole, 4H-quinolizinyl, 6H-1,2,5-thiadiazinyl, acridinyl, azocinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benztriazolyl, benztetrazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzimidazalonyl, carbazolyl, 4aH-carbazolyl, b-carbolinyl, chromanyl, chromenyl, cinnolinyl, decahydroquinolinyl, 2H,6H-1,5,2-dithiazinyl, dihydrofuro[2,3-b]tetrahydrofuran, furanyl, furazanyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolinyl, imidazolyl, 1H-indazolyl, indolenyl, indolinyl, indolizinyl, indolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isochromanyl, isoindazolyl, isoindolinyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolinyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, morpholinyl, naphthyridinyl, octahydroisoquinolinyl, oxadiazolyl, 1,2,3-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,5-oxadiazolyl, 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl, oxazolidinyl, oxazolyl, oxazolidinylperimidinyl,

phenanthridinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenarsazinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxathiinyl, phenoxazinyl, phthalazinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pteridinyl, piperidonyl, 4-piperidonyl, pteridinyl, purinyl, pyranyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolidinyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyridooxazole, pyridoimidazole, pyridothiazole, pyridinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolinyl, 4H-quinolizinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinuclidinyl, carbolinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, 6H-1,2,5-thiadiazinyl, 1,2,3-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,4-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, thianthrenyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, thienothiazolyl, thienooxazolyl, thienoimidazolyl, thiophenyl, triazinyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1,2,5-triazolyl, 1,3,4-triazolyl, xanthenyl. Preferred 5 to 10 membered heterocycles include, but are not limited to, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, furanyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiofuranyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, 1H-indazolyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolidinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, oxindolyl, benzoxazolinyl, quinolinyl, and isoquinolinyl. Preferred 5 to 6 membered heterocycles include, without limitation, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, furanyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, and tetrazolyl.

By "C_{6-12} aryl" is meant an aromatic group having a ring system comprised of carbon atoms with conjugated π electrons (e.g., phenyl). The aryl group has from 6 to 12 carbon atoms. Aryl groups may optionally include monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic rings, in which each ring desirably has five or six members. The aryl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. Exemplary subsituents include alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, halogen, fluoroalkyl, carboxyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, and quaternary amino groups.

By "C_{7-14} alkaryl" is meant an alkyl substituted by an aryl group (e.g., benzyl, phenethyl, or 3,4-dichlorophenethyl) having from 7 to 14 carbon atoms.

By "C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl" is meant an alkyl substituted heterocyclic group having from 7 to 14 carbon atoms in addition to one or more heteroatoms (e.g., 3-furanylmethyl, 2-furanylmethyl, 3-tetrahydrofuranylmethyl, or 2-tetrahydrofuranylmethyl).

By "heteroalkyl" is meant a branched or unbranched alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl group having a number of carbon atoms, e.g., from 1 to 7 carbon atoms, in addition to1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, S, and P. Heteroalkyls include, without limitation, tertiary amines, secondary amines, ethers, thioethers, amides, thioamides, carbamates, thiocarbamates, hydrazones, imines, phosphodiesters, phosphoramidates, sulfonamides, and disulfides. A heteroalkyl may optionally include monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic rings, in which each ring desirably has three to six members. The heteroalkyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. Exemplary substituents include alkoxy, aryloxy, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, halogen, hydroxyl, fluoroalkyl, perfluoralkyl, amino, aminoalkyl, disubstituted amino, quaternary amino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, and carboxyl groups.

By "acyl" is meant a chemical moiety with the formula R-C(O)-, wherein R is selected from C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl.

By "halogen" is meant bromine, chlorine, iodine, or fluorine.

By "fluoroalkyl" is meant an alkyl group that is substituted with a fluorine.

By "perfluoroalkyl" is meant an alkyl group consisting of only carbon and fluorine atoms.

By "carboxyalkyl" is meant a chemical moiety with the formula -(R)-COOH, wherein R is selected from C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl.

By "hydroxyalkyl" is meant a chemical moiety with the formula -(R)-OH, wherein R is selected from C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl.

By "alkoxy" is meant a chemical substituent of the formula -OR, wherein R is selected from C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl.

By "aryloxy" is meant a chemical substituent of the formula -OR, wherein R is a C_{6-12} aryl group.

By "alkylthio" is meant a chemical substituent of the formula -SR, wherein R is selected from C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl.

By "arylthio" is meant a chemical substituent of the formula -SR, wherein R is a C_{6-12} aryl group.

By "quaternary amino" is meant a chemical substituent of the formula -(R)-N(R')(R'')(R''')$^+$, wherein R, R', R'', and R''' are each independently an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or aryl group. R may be an alkyl group linking the quaternary amino nitrogen atom, as a substituent, to another moiety. The nitrogen atom, N, is covalently attached to four carbon atoms of alkyl and/or aryl groups, resulting in a positive charge at the nitrogen atom.

By an "antiproliferative agent" is meant a compound that, individually, inhibits the growth of a neoplasm. Antiproliferative agents of the invention include alkylating agents, platinum agents, antimetabolites, topoisomerase inhibitors, antitumor antibiotics, antimitotic agents, aromatase inhibitors, thymidylate synthase inhibitors, DNA antagonists, farnesyltransferase inhibitors, pump inhibitors, histone acetyltransferase inhibitors, metalloproteinase inhibitors,

ribonucleoside reductase inhibitors, TNF alpha agonists and antagonists, endothelin A receptor antagonists, retinoic acid receptor agonists, immunomodulators, hormonal and antihormonal agents, photodynamic agents, and tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Antiproliferative agents that can be administered in combination with any phenothiazine conjugate or combination of phenothiazine conjugate and compound of formula (V) or combination of phenothiazine of formula (IV) and compound of formula (V) described herein. Antiproliferative agents include those agents listed in Table 1.

Table 1.

Alkylating agents	cyclophosphamide busulfan ifosfamide melphalan hexamethylmelamine thiotepa chlorambucil dacarbazine carmustine	lomustine procarbazine altretamine estramustine phosphate mechlorethamine streptozocin temozolomide semustine.
Platinum agents	cisplatin oxaliplatin spiroplatinum, carboxyphthalatoplatinum, tetraplatin ormiplatin iproplatin	carboplatinum ZD-0473 (AnorMED) lobaplatin (Aeterna) satraplatin (Johnson Matthey) BBR-3464 (Hoffmann-La Roche) SM-11355 (Sumitomo) AP-5280 (Access)
Antimetabolites	azacytidine gemcitabine capecitabine 5-fluorouracil floxuridine 2-chlorodeoxyadenosine 6-mercaptopurine 6-thioguanine cytarabin 2-fluorodeoxy cytidine methotrexate idatrexate	tomudex trimetrexate deoxycoformycin fludarabine pentostatin raltitrexed hydroxyurea decitabine (SuperGen) clofarabine (Bioenvision) irofulven (MGI Pharma) DMDC (Hoffmann-La Roche) ethynylcytidine (Taiho)

Table 1 (cont.)

Topoisomerase inhibitors	amsacrine epirubicin etoposide teniposide or mitoxantrone irinotecan (CPT-11) 7-ethyl-10-hydroxy-camptothecin topotecan dexrazoxanet (TopoTarget) pixantrone (Novuspharma) rebeccamycin analogue (Exelixis) BBR-3576 (Novuspharma)	rubitecan (SuperGen) exatecan mesylate (Daiichi) quinamed (ChemGenex) gimatecan (Sigma-Tau) diflomotecan (Beaufour-Ipsen) TAS-103 (Taiho) elsamitrucin (Spectrum) J-107088 (Merck & Co) BNP-1350 (BioNumerik) CKD-602 (Chong Kun Dang) KW-2170 (Kyowa Hakko)
Antitumor antibiotics	dactinomycin (actinomycin D) doxorubicin (adriamycin) deoxyrubicin valrubicin daunorubicin (daunomycin) epirubicin therarubicin idarubicin rubidazone plicamycinp porfiromycin cyanomorpholinodoxorubicin mitoxantrone (novantrone)	amonafide azonafide anthrapyrazole oxantrazole losoxantrone bleomycin sulfate (blenoxane) bleomycinic acid bleomycin A bleomycin B mitomycin C MEN-10755 (Menarini) GPX-100 (Gem Pharmaceuticals)
Antimitotic agents	paclitaxel docetaxel colchicine vinblastine vincristine vinorelbine vindesine dolastatin 10 (NCI) rhizoxin (Fujisawa) mivobulin (Warner-Lambert) cemadotin (BASF) RPR 109881A (Aventis) TXD 258 (Aventis) epothilone B (Novartis) T 900607 (Tularik) T 138067 (Tularik) cryptophycin 52 (Eli Lilly) vinflunine (Fabre) auristatin PE (Teikoku Hormone) BMS 247550 (BMS) BMS 184476 (BMS) BMS 188797 (BMS) taxoprexin (Protarga)	SB 408075 (GlaxoSmithKline) E7010 (Abbott) PG-TXL (Cell Therapeutics) IDN 5109 (Bayer) A 105972 (Abbott) A 204197 (Abbott) LU 223651 (BASF) D 24851 (ASTAMedica) ER-86526 (Eisai) combretastatin A4 (BMS) isohomohalichondrin-B (PharmaMar) ZD 6126 (AstraZeneca) PEG-paclitaxel (Enzon) AZ10992 (Asahi) IDN-5109 (Indena) AVLB (Prescient NeuroPharma) azaepothilone B (BMS) BNP-7787 (BioNumerik) CA-4 prodrug (OXiGENE) dolastatin-10 (NIH) CA-4 (OXiGENE)

Table 1 (cont.)

Aromatase inhibitors	aminoglutethimide letrozole anastrazole formestane	exemestane atamestane (BioMedicines) YM-511 (Yamanouchi)
Thymidylate synthase inhibitors	pemetrexed (Eli Lilly) ZD-9331 (BTG)	nolatrexed (Eximias) CoFactor™ (BioKeys)
DNA antagonists	trabectedin (PharmaMar) glufosfamide (Baxter International) albumin + 32P (Isotope Solutions) thymectacin (NewBiotics) edotreotide (Novartis)	mafosfamide (Baxter International) apaziquone (Spectrum Pharmaceuticals) O6 benzyl guanine (Paligent)
Farnesyltransferase inhibitors	arglabin (NuOncology Labs) lonafarnib (Schering-Plough) BAY-43-9006 (Bayer)	tipifarnib (Johnson & Johnson) perillyl alcohol (DOR BioPharma)
Pump inhibitors	CBT-1 (CBA Pharma) tariquidar (Xenova) MS-209 (Schering AG)	zosuquidar trihydrochloride (Eli Lilly) biricodar dicitrate (Vertex)
Histone acetyltransferase inhibitors	tacedinaline (Pfizer) SAHA (Aton Pharma) MS-275 (Schering AG)	pivaloyloxymethyl butyrate (Titan) depsipeptide (Fujisawa)
Metalloproteinase inhibitors	Neovastat (Aeterna Laboratories) marimastat (British Biotech)	CMT-3 (CollaGenex) BMS-275291 (Celltech)
Ribonucleoside reductase inhibitors	gallium maltolate (Titan) triapine (Vion)	tezacitabine (Aventis) didox (Molecules for Health)
TNF alpha agonists/antagonists	virulizin (Lorus Therapeutics) CDC-394 (Celgene)	revimid (Celgene)
Endothelin A receptor antagonist	atrasentan (Abbott) ZD-4054 (AstraZeneca)	YM-598 (Yamanouchi)
Retinoic acid receptor agonists	fenretinide (Johnson & Johnson) LGD-1550 (Ligand)	alitretinoin (Ligand)
Immuno-modulators	interferon oncophage (Antigenics) GMK (Progenics) adenocarcinoma vaccine (Biomira) CTP-37 (AVI BioPharma) IRX-2 (Immuno-Rx) PEP-005 (Peplin Biotech) synchrovax vaccines (CTL Immuno) melanoma vaccine (CTL Immuno) p21 RAS vaccine (GemVax)	dexosome therapy (Anosys) pentrix (Australian Cancer Technology) ISF-154 (Tragen) cancer vaccine (Intercell) norelin (Biostar) BLP-25 (Biomira) MGV (Progenics) ß-alethine (Dovetail) CLL therapy (Vasogen)

Table 1 (cont.)

Hormonal and antihormonal agents	estrogens conjugated estrogens ethinyl estradiol chlortrianisen idenestrol hydroxyprogesterone caproate medroxyprogesterone testosterone testosterone propionate; fluoxymesterone methyltestosterone diethylstilbestrol megestrol tamoxifen toremofine dexamethasone	prednisone methylprednisolone prednisolone aminoglutethimide leuprolide goserelin leuporelin bicalutamide flutamide octreotide nilutamide mitotane P-04 (Novogen) 2-methoxyestradiol (EntreMed) arzoxifene (Eli Lilly)
Photodynamic agents	talaporfin (Light Sciences) Theralux (Theratechnologies) motexafin gadolinium (Pharmacyclics)	Pd-bacteriopheophorbide (Yeda) lutetium texaphyrin (Pharmacyclics) hypericin
Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors	imatinib (Novartis) leflunomide (Sugen/Pharmacia) ZD1839 (AstraZeneca) erlotinib (Oncogene Science) canertinib (Pfizer) squalamine (Genaera) SU5416 (Pharmacia) SU6668 (Pharmacia) ZD4190 (AstraZeneca) ZD6474 (AstraZeneca) vatalanib (Novartis) PKI166 (Novartis) GW2016 (GlaxoSmithKline) EKB-509 (Wyeth) EKB-569 (Wyeth)	kahalide F (PharmaMar) CEP-701 (Cephalon) CEP-751 (Cephalon) MLN518 (Millenium) PKC412 (Novartis) phenoxodiol () trastuzumab (Genentech) C225 (ImClone) rhu-Mab (Genentech) MDX-H210 (Medarex) 2C4 (Genentech) MDX-447 (Medarex) ABX-EGF (Abgenix) IMC-1C11 (ImClone)

Table 1 (cont.)

Miscellaneous agents	
SR-27897 (CCK A inhibitor, Sanofi-Synthelabo)	BCX-1777 (PNP inhibitor, BioCryst)
tocladesine (cyclic AMP agonist, Ribapharm)	ranpirnase (ribonuclease stimulant, Alfacell)
alvocidib (CDK inhibitor, Aventis)	galarubicin (RNA synthesis inhibitor, Dong-A)
CV-247 (COX-2 inhibitor, Ivy Medical)	tirapazamine (reducing agent, SRI International)
P54 (COX-2 inhibitor, Phytopharm)	N-acetylcysteine (reducing agent, Zambon)
CapCell™ (CYP450 stimulant, Bavarian Nordic)	R-flurbiprofen (NF-kappaB inhibitor, Encore)
GCS-100 (gal3 antagonist, GlycoGenesys)	3CPA (NF-kappaB inhibitor, Active Biotech)
G17DT immunogen (gastrin inhibitor, Aphton)	seocalcitol (vitamin D receptor agonist, Leo)
efaproxiral (oxygenator, Allos Therapeutics)	131-I-TM-601 (DNA antagonist, TransMolecular)
PI-88 (heparanase inhibitor, Progen)	eflornithine (ODC inhibitor , ILEX Oncology)
tesmilifene (histamine antagonist, YM BioSciences)	minodronic acid (osteoclast inhibitor, Yamanouchi)
histamine (histamine H2 receptor agonist, Maxim)	indisulam (p53 stimulant, Eisai)
tiazofurin (IMPDH inhibitor, Ribapharm)	aplidine (PPT inhibitor, PharmaMar)
cilengitide (integrin antagonist, Merck KGaA)	rituximab (CD20 antibody, Genentech)
SR-31747 (IL-1 antagonist, Sanofi-Synthelabo)	gemtuzumab (CD33 antibody, Wyeth Ayerst)
CCI-779 (mTOR kinase inhibitor, Wyeth)	PG2 (hematopoiesis enhancer, Pharmagenesis)
exisulind (PDE V inhibitor, Cell Pathways)	Immunol™ (triclosan oral rinse, Endo)
CP-461 (PDE V inhibitor, Cell Pathways)	triacetyluridine (uridine prodrug , Wellstat)
AG-2037 (GART inhibitor, Pfizer)	SN-4071 (sarcoma agent, Signature BioScience)
WX-UK1 (plasminogen activator inhibitor, Wilex)	TransMID-107™ (immunotoxin, KS Biomedix)
PBI-1402 (PMN stimulant, ProMetic LifeSciences)	PCK-3145 (apoptosis promotor, Procyon)
bortezomib (proteasome inhibitor, Millennium)	doranidazole (apoptosis promotor, Pola)
SRL-172 (T cell stimulant, SR Pharma)	CHS-828 (cytotoxic agent, Leo)
TLK-286 (glutathione S transferase inhibitor, Telik)	trans-retinoic acid (differentiator, NIH)
PT-100 (growth factor agonist, Point Therapeutics)	MX6 (apoptosis promotor, MAXIA)
midostaurin (PKC inhibitor, Novartis)	apomine (apoptosis promotor, ILEX Oncology)
bryostatin-1 (PKC stimulant, GPC Biotech)	urocidin (apoptosis promotor, Bioniche)
CDA-II (apoptosis promotor, Everlife)	Ro-31-7453 (apoptosis promotor, La Roche)
SDX-101 (apoptosis promotor, Salmedix)	brostallicin (apoptosis promotor, Pharmacia)
ceflatonin (apoptosis promotor, ChemGenex)	

Compounds useful in the invention include those described herein in any of their pharmaceutically acceptable forms, including isomers such as diastereomers and enantiomers, salts, solvates, and polymorphs, thereof, as well as racemic mixtures of the compounds described herein.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, and from the claims.

Detailed Description

We have discovered methods of improving the therapeutic index of phenothiazines and drug combinations including phenothiazines. This can be achieved by liposomal formulation or by conjugation of the phenothiazine to a charged or bulky group. The invention provides peripherally acting phenothiazine conjugates which have reduced CNS activity and enhanced neoplasm uptake in comparison their parent phenothiazines. The phenothiazine conjugates described herein have three characteristic components: a phenothiazine covalently tethered, via a linker, to a group that is bulky or charged.

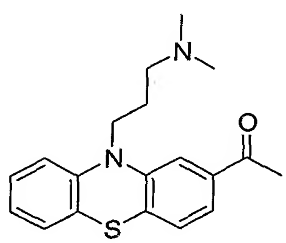
Phenothiazines

Phenothiazines which can be modified to inhibit passage across the blood-brain barrier include, without limitation, acepromazine, cyamemazine, fluphenazine, mepazine, methotrimeprazine, methoxypromazine, perazine, pericyazine, perimethazine, perphenazine, pipamazine, pipazethate, piperacetazine, pipotiazine, prochlorperazine, promethazine, propionylpromazine, propiomazine, sulforidazine, thiazinaminiumsalt, thiethylperazine, thiopropazate, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, trimeprazine, thioproperazine, trifluomeprazine, triflupromazine, chlorpromazine, chlorproethazine, those compounds in PCT application WO02/057244, and those compounds in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,415,363; 2,519,886; 2,530,451; 2,607,773; 2,645640; 2,766,235; 2,769,002; 2,784,185; 2,785,160; 2,837,518; 2,860,138; 2,877,224; 2,921,069; 2,957,870; 2,989,529; 3,058,979; 3,075,976; 3,194,733; 3,350,268; 3,875,156; 3,879,551; 3,959,268; 3,966,930; 3,998,820; 4,785,095; 4,514,395; 4,985,559; 5,034,019; 5,157,118; 5,178,784; 5,550,143; 5,595,989; 5,654,323; 5,688,788; 5,693,649; 5,712,292; 5,721,254; 5,795,888; 5,597,819; 6,043,239; and 6,569,849, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Structurally related phenothiazines having

similar antiproliferative properties are also intended to be encompassed by this group, which includes any compound of formula (IV), described above.

The structures of several of the above-mentioned phenothiazines are provided in Table 2. These are structural examples of parent phenothiazines which can be modified as described herein to achieve a reduction in CNS activity. Phenothiazine conjugates of the invention are prepared by modification of an available functional group present in the parent phenothiazine. Alternatively, the substituent at the ring nitrogen can be removed from the parent phenothiazine prior to conjugation with a bulky group or a charged group.

Table 2



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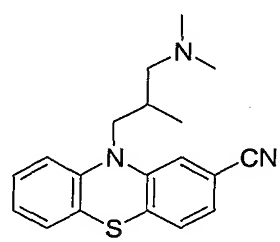

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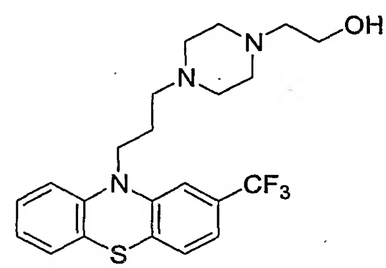

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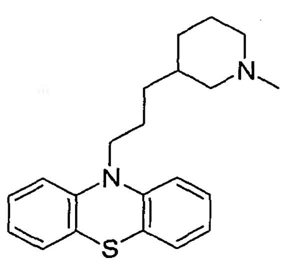

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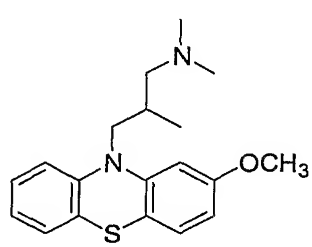

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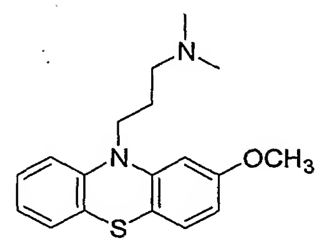

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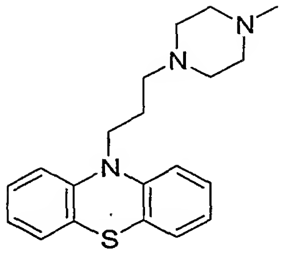

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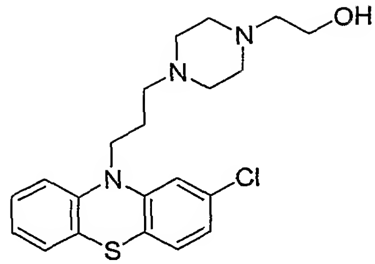

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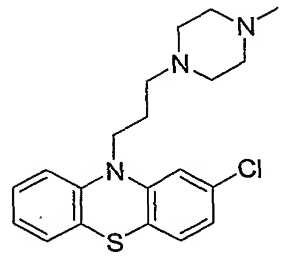

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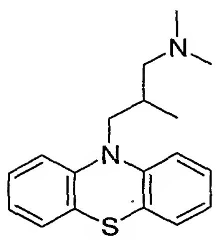

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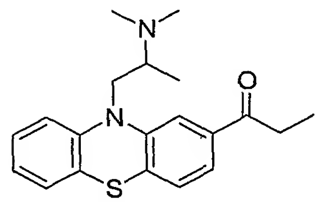

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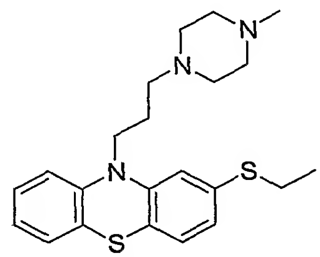

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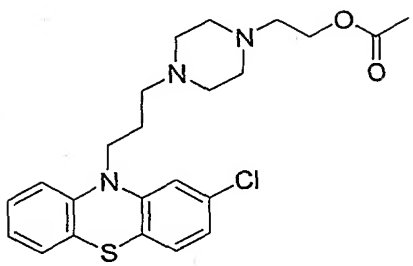

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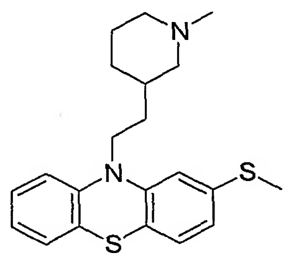

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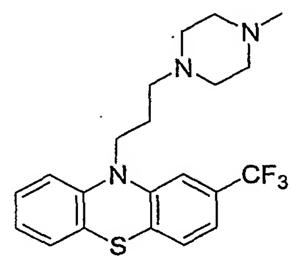

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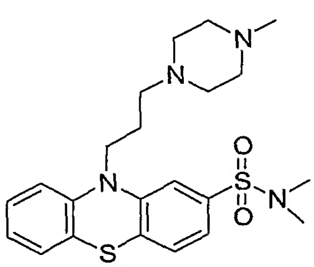

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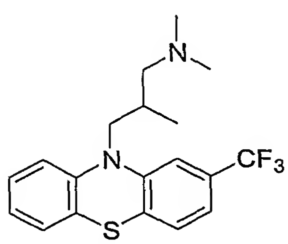

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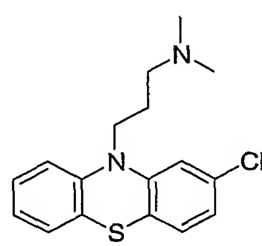

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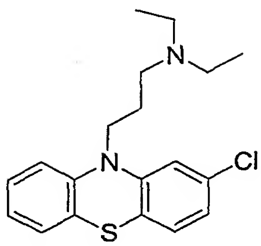
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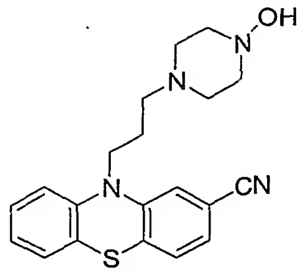
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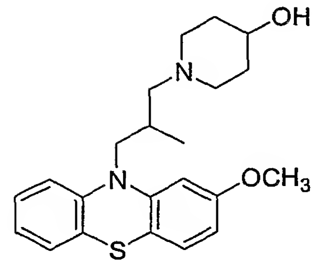
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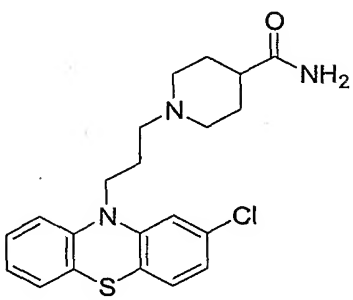
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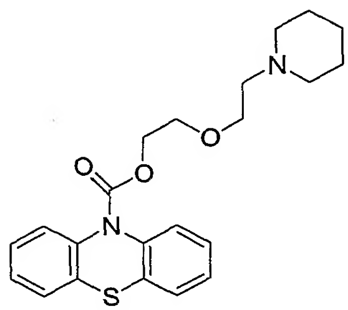
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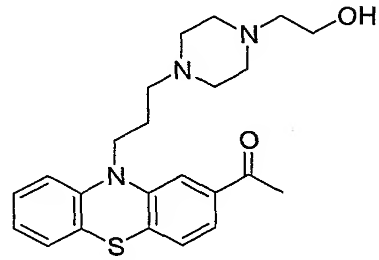
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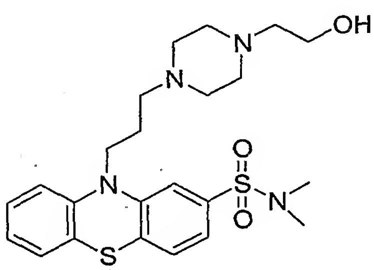
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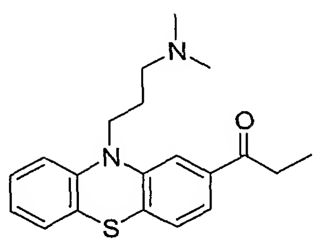
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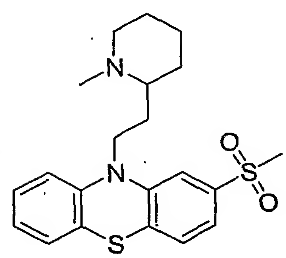
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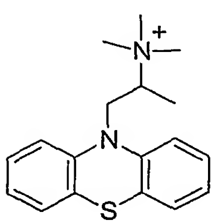
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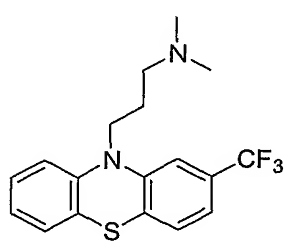
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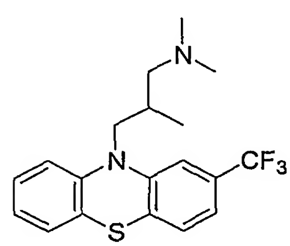
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Phenothiazine compounds can be prepared using, for example, the synthetic techniques described in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,415,363; 2,519,886; 2,530,451; 2,607,773; 2,645640; 2,766,235; 2,769,002; 2,784,185; 2,785,160; 2,837,518; 2,860,138; 2,877,224; 2,921,069; 2,957,870; 2,989,529; 3,058,979; 3,075,976; 3,194,733; 3,350,268; 3,875,156; 3,879,551; 3,959,268; 3,966,930; 3,998,820; 4,785,095; 4,514,395; 4,985,559; 5,034,019; 5,157,118; 5,178,784; 5,550,143; 5,595,989; 5,654,323; 5,688,788; 5,693,649; 5,712,292; 5,721,254; 5,795,888; 5,597,819; 6,043,239; and 6,569,849, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Linkers

The linker component of the invention is, at its simplest, a bond between a phenothiazine and a group that is bulky or charged. The linker provides a linear, cyclic, or branched molecular skeleton having pendant groups covalently linking a phenothiazine to a group that is bulky or charged.

Thus, the linking of a phenothiazine to a group that is bulky or charged is achieved by covalent means, involving bond formation with one or more functional groups located on the phenothiazine and the bulky or charged group. Examples of chemically reactive functional groups which may be employed for this purpose include, without limitation, amino, hydroxyl, sulfhydryl, carboxyl, carbonyl, carbohydrate groups, vicinal diols, thioethers, 2-aminoalcohols, 2-aminothiols, guanidinyl, imidazolyl, and phenolic groups.

The covalent linking of a phenothiazine and a group that is bulky or charged may be effected using a linker which contains reactive moieties capable of reaction with such functional groups present in the phenothiazine and the bulky or charged group. For example, a hydroxyl group of the phenothiazine may react

with a carboxyl group of the linker, or an activated derivative thereof, resulting in the formation of an ester linking the two.

Examples of moieties capable of reaction with sulfhydryl groups include α-haloacetyl compounds of the type XCH_2CO- (where X=Br, Cl or I), which show particular reactivity for sulfhydryl groups, but which can also be used to modify imidazolyl, thioether, phenol, and amino groups as described by Gurd, *Methods Enzymol.* 11:532 (1967). N-Maleimide derivatives are also considered selective towards sulfhydryl groups, but may additionally be useful in coupling to amino groups under certain conditions. Reagents such as 2-iminothiolane (Traut et al., *Biochemistry* 12:3266 (1973)), which introduce a thiol group through conversion of an amino group, may be considered as sulfhydryl reagents if linking occurs through the formation of disulphide bridges.

Examples of reactive moieties capable of reaction with amino groups include, for example, alkylating and acylating agents. Representative alkylating agents include:

(i) α-haloacetyl compounds, which show specificity towards amino groups in the absence of reactive thiol groups and are of the type XCH_2CO- (where X=Cl, Br or I), for example, as described by Wong *Biochemistry* 24:5337 (1979);

(ii) N-maleimide derivatives, which may react with amino groups either through a Michael type reaction or through acylation by addition to the ring carbonyl group, for example, as described by Smyth et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 82:4600 (1960) and *Biochem. J.* 91:589 (1964);

(iii) aryl halides such as reactive nitrohaloaromatic compounds;

(iv) alkyl halides, as described, for example, by McKenzie et al., *J. Protein Chem.* 7:581 (1988);

(v) aldehydes and ketones capable of Schiff's base formation with amino groups, the adducts formed usually being stabilized through reduction to give a stable amine;

(vi) epoxide derivatives such as epichlorohydrin and bisoxiranes, which may react with amino, sulfhydryl, or phenolic hydroxyl groups;
(vii) chlorine-containing derivatives of s-triazines, which are very reactive towards nucleophiles such as amino, sufhydryl, and hydroxyl groups;
(viii) aziridines based on s-triazine compounds detailed above, e.g., as described by Ross, *J. Adv. Cancer Res.* 2:1 (1954), which react with nucleophiles such as amino groups by ring opening;
(ix) squaric acid diethyl esters as described by Tietze, *Chem. Ber.* 124:1215 (1991); and
(x) α-haloalkyl ethers, which are more reactive alkylating agents than normal alkyl halides because of the activation caused by the ether oxygen atom, as described by Benneche et al., *Eur. J. Med. Chem.* 28:463 (1993).

Representative amino-reactive acylating agents include:
(i) isocyanates and isothiocyanates, particularly aromatic derivatives, which form stable urea and thiourea derivatives respectively;
(ii) sulfonyl chlorides, which have been described by Herzig et al., *Biopolymers* 2:349 (1964);
(iii) acid halides;
(iv) active esters such as nitrophenylesters or N-hydroxysuccinimidyl esters;
(v) acid anhydrides such as mixed, symmetrical, or N-carboxyanhydrides;
(vi) other useful reagents for amide bond formation, for example, as described by M. Bodansky, Principles of Peptide Synthesis, Springer-Verlag, 1984;
(vii) acylazides, e.g. wherein the azide group is generated from a preformed hydrazide derivative using sodium nitrite, as described by Wetz et al., *Anal. Biochem.* 58:347 (1974); and
(viii) imidoesters, which form stable amidines on reaction with amino groups, for example, as described by Hunter and Ludwig, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 84:3491 (1962).

Aldehydes and ketones may be reacted with amines to form Schiff's bases, which may advantageously be stabilized through reductive amination. Alkoxylamino moieties readily react with ketones and aldehydes to produce stable alkoxamines, for example, as described by Webb et al., in *Bioconjugate Chem.* 1:96 (1990).

Examples of reactive moieties capable of reaction with carboxyl groups include diazo compounds such as diazoacetate esters and diazoacetamides, which react with high specificity to generate ester groups, for example, as described by Herriot, *Adv. Protein Chem.* 3:169 (1947). Carboxyl modifying reagents such as carbodiimides, which react through O-acylurea formation followed by amide bond formation, may also be employed.

It will be appreciated that functional groups in the phenothiazine and/or the bulky or charged group may, if desired, be converted to other functional groups prior to reaction, for example, to confer additional reactivity or selectivity. Examples of methods useful for this purpose include conversion of amines to carboxyls using reagents such as dicarboxylic anhydrides; conversion of amines to thiols using reagents such as N-acetylhomocysteine thiolactone, S-acetylmercaptosuccinic anhydride, 2-iminothiolane, or thiol-containing succinimidyl derivatives; conversion of thiols to carboxyls using reagents such as α-haloacetates; conversion of thiols to amines using reagents such as ethylenimine or 2-bromoethylamine; conversion of carboxyls to amines using reagents such as carbodiimides followed by diamines; and conversion of alcohols to thiols using reagents such as tosyl chloride followed by transesterification with thioacetate and hydrolysis to the thiol with sodium acetate.

So-called zero-length linkers, involving direct covalent joining of a reactive chemical group of the phenothiazine with a reactive chemical group of the bulky or charged group without introducing additional linking material may, if desired, be used in accordance with the invention. For example, the ring nitrogen of the

phenothiazine can be linked directly via an amide bond to the charged or bulky group.

Most commonly, however, the linker will include two or more reactive moieties, as described above, connected by a spacer element. The presence of such a spacer permits bifunctional linkers to react with specific functional groups within the phenothiazine and the bulky or charged group, resulting in a covalent linkage between the two. The reactive moieties in a linker may be the same (homobifunctional linker) or different (heterobifunctional linker, or, where several dissimilar reactive moieties are present, heteromultifunctional linker), providing a diversity of potential reagents that may bring about covalent attachment between the phenothiazine and the bulky or charged group.

Spacer elements in the linker typically consist of linear or branched chains and may include a C_{1-10} alkyl, a heteroalkyl of 1 to 10 atoms, a C_{2-10} alkene, a C_{2-10} alkyne, C_{5-10} aryl, a cyclic system of 3 to 10 atoms, or $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nCH_2CH_2-$, in which n is 1 to 4.

In some instances, the linker is described by formula (III):

$$G^1\text{-}(Z^1)_o\text{-}(Y^1)_u\text{-}(Z^2)_s\text{-}(R^9)\text{-}(Z^3)_t\text{-}(Y^2)_v\text{-}(Z^4)_p\text{–}G^2$$

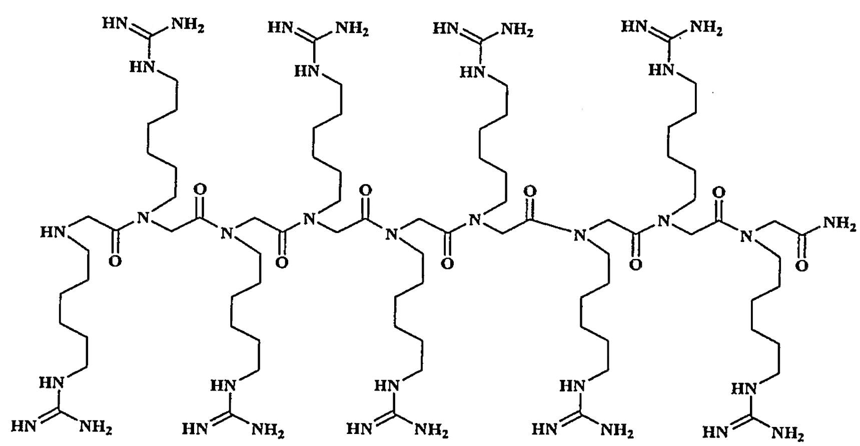
(III)

In formula (III), G^1 is a bond between the phenothiazine and the linker, G^2 is a bond between the linker and the bulky group or between the linker and the charged group, each of Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, and Z^4 is, independently, selected from O, S, and NR^{39}; R^{39} is hydrogen or a C_{1-10} alkyl group; each of Y^1 and Y^2 is, independently, selected from carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulphonyl, phosphoryl or similar acid-forming groups; o, p, s, t, u, and v are each independently 0 or 1; and R^9 is C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} heteroalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, a C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{5-10} aryl, a cyclic system of 3 to 10 atoms, or a chemical bond linking $G^1\text{-}(Z^1)_o\text{-}(Y^1)_u\text{-}(Z^2)_s\text{-}$ to $\text{-}(Z^3)_t\text{-}(Y^2)_v\text{-}(Z^4)_p\text{–}G^2$.

Bulky Groups

The function of the bulky group is to increase the size of the phenothiazine sufficiently to inhibit passage across the blood-brain barrier. Bulky groups capable of inhibiting passage of the phenothiazine across the blood-brain barrier include those having a molecular weight greater than 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, or 1000 daltons. Desirably, these groups are attached through the ring nitrogen of the phenothiazine.

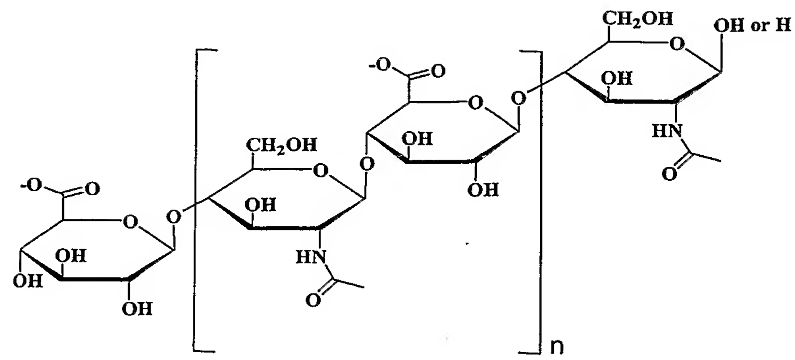
Desirably, a bulky group is selected which enhances the cellular or neoplasm uptake of the conjugate. For example, certain peptides enable active translocation across the plasma membrane into cells (e.g., RKKRRQRRR, the Tat(49-57) peptide). Exemplary peptides which promote cellular uptake are disclosed, for example, by Wender et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 97(24):13003-8 (2000) and Laurent et al., *FEBS Lett* 443(1):61-5 (1999), incorporated herein by reference. An example of a charged bulky group which facilitates cellular uptake is the polyguanidine peptoid (N- hxg)$_9$, shown below. Each of the nine guanidine side chains is a charged guanidinium cation at physiological pH.



(N-hxg)$_9$

The bulky group may also be charged. For example, bulky groups include, without limitation, charged polypeptides, such as poly-arginine (guanidinium side chain), poly-lysine (ammonium side chain), poly-aspartic acid (carboxylate side chain), poly-glutamic acid (carboxlyate side chain), or poly-histidine (imidazolium side chain).

A charged polysaccharide that may also be used to promote neoplasm uptake of the phenothiazine conjugate. One polysaccharide useful for neoplasm targeting is hyaluronic acid or a low molecular weight fragments thereof (e.g. where n is 6-12, see structure below). Certain neoplasms, including many that are found in the lung, overexpress the CD44 cell-surface marker. CD44 is found at low levels on epithelial, hemopoietic, and neuronal cells and at elevated levels in various carcinoma, melanoma, lymphoma, breast, colorectal, and lung neoplasm cells. This cell surface receptor binds to hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronic acid is a major component of the extracellular matrix, and CD44 is implicated in the metabolism of solubilized hyaluronic acid. CD44 appears to regulate lymphocyte adhesion to cells of the high endothelial venules during lymphocyte migration, a process that has many similarities to the metastatic dissemination of solid neoplasms. It is also implicated in the regulation of the proliferation of cancer cells. Hyaluronic acid conjugates can gain access to the neoplasm cells subsequent to extravasating into the neoplasm from the circulation, resulting in an enhanced concentration of the conjugate within the neoplasm. See, for example, Eliaz et al., *Cancer Research* 61:2592 (2001) and references cited therein.



hyaluronic acid

The bulky group can be an antiproliferative agent used in the combinations of the invention. Such conjugates are desirable where the two agents should have matching pharmacokinetic profiles to enhance efficacy and/or to simplify the dosing regimen. Desirably, the antiproliferative agent is a compound of formula (V), above. Antiproliferatives that can be conjugates to a phenothiazine compound include pentamidine, shown below, as well as 1,3-bis(4-amidino-2-methoxyphenoxy)propane, phenamidine, amicarbalide, 1,5-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)pentane, 1,3-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,3-bis(2'-methoxy-4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,4-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)butane, 1,5-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)pentane, 1,4-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)butane, 1,3-bis(4'-(4-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,3-bis(2'-methoxy-4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-amidoxime, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-O-ethylamidoxime, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,4-bis(4-

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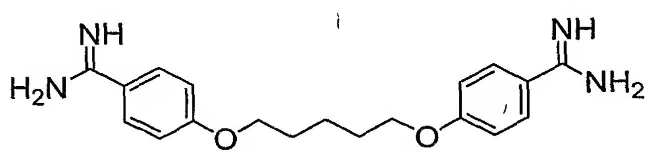
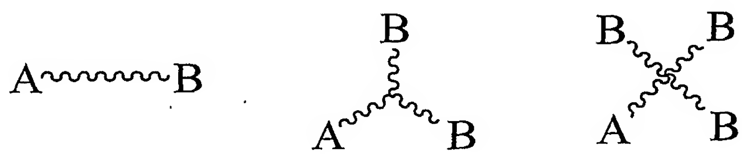
amidino)benzimidazoyl]benzo[b]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]benzo[b]furan, 2,7-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]fluorene, 2,5-bis[4-(3-(N-morpholinopropyl)carbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(2-N,N-dimethylaminoethylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3-N,N-dimethylaminopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3-N-methyl-3-N-phenylaminopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(3-N, N^8,N^{11}-trimethylaminopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[3-amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[3-(N-isopropylamidino)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[3[(N-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)amidino]phenylfuran, 2,5-bis[4-(N-2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-thioethylcarbonyl) amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-benzyloxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-(4-fluoro)-phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-(N-(4-methoxy)phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4(1-acetoxyethoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan, or 2,5-bis[4-(N-(3-fluoro)phenoxycarbonyl)amidinophenyl]furan.



Pentamidine

Methods for making any of the foregoing compounds are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,428,051; 5,521,189; 5,602,172; 5,643,935; 5,723,495; 5,843,980; 6,008,247; 6,025,398; 6,172,104; 6,214,883; and 6,326,395, an U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. US 2001/0044468 A1 and US 2002/0019437 A1.

The conjugate comprising, for example, a phenothiazine (A) and pentamidine (B), can be linked, without limitation, as dimers, trimers, or tetramers, as shown below.



dimers trimers tetramers

Charged Groups

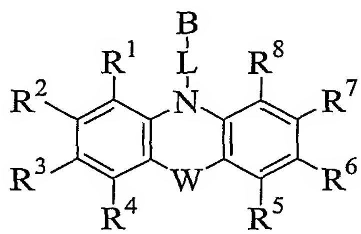
The function of the charged group is to alter the charge of the phenothiazine sufficiently to inhibit passage across the blood-brain barrier. Desirably, charged groups are attached through the ring nitrogen of the phenothiazine.

A charged group may be cationic or an anionic. Charged groups include 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or more negatively charged moieties and/or 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or more positively charged moieties. Charged moieties include, without limitation, carboxylate, phosphodiester, phosphoramidate, borate, phosphate, phosphonate, phosphonate ester, sulfonate, sulfate, thiolate, phenolate, ammonium, amidinium, guanidinium, quaternary ammonium, and imidazolium moieties.

Phenothiazine Conjugates

The phenothiazine conjugates of the present invention can be designed to largely remain intact *in vivo*, resisting cleavage by intracellular and extracellular enzymes or, through the selection of the appropriate linkers, can be designed to degrade *in vivo*. For example, the linker can include one or more ester bonds susceptible to hydrolysis by esterases, amide bonds susceptible to hydrolysis by amidases, and/or phosphate bonds susceptible to hydrolysis by phosphatases.

Phenothiazine conjugates are further described by any one of formulas (VI) to (IX), shown below.



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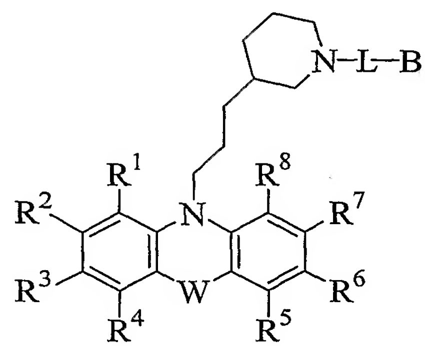

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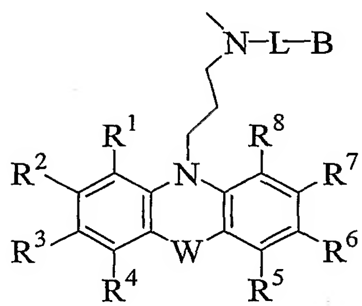

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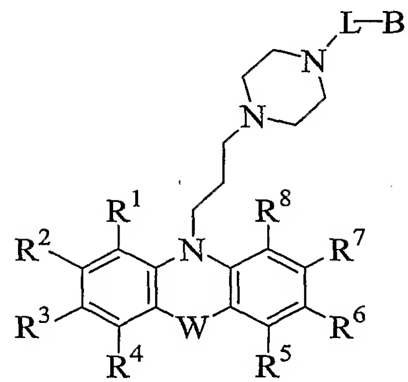

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In formulas (VI)-(IX), R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, and W are as described above. L is a linker of formula (II), described above. B is a bulky or charged group, as described above.

Therapy

The compositions of the invention are useful for the treatment of neoplasms. Therapy may be performed alone or in conjunction with another therapy (e.g., surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, anti-

angiogenesis therapy, or gene therapy). For example, useful antiproliferative agents that can be used in conjunction with the compositions of the invention include those listed in Table 1.

The duration of the combination therapy depends on the type of disease or disorder being treated, the age and condition of the patient, the stage and type of the patient's disease, and how the patient responds to the treatment. Therapy may be given in on-and-off cycles that include rest periods so that the patient's body has a chance to recovery from any as yet unforeseen side-effects. Therapy may also be given for a continuous period.

Examples of cancers and other neoplasms include, without limitation, leukemias (e.g., acute leukemia, acute lymphocytic leukemia, acute myelocytic leukemia, acute myeloblastic leukemia, acute promyelocytic leukemia, acute myelomonocytic leukemia, acute monocytic leukemia, acute erythroleukemia, chronic leukemia, chronic myelocytic leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia), polycythemia vera, lymphoma (Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's disease), Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia, heavy chain disease, and solid tumors such as sarcomas and carcinomas (e.g., fibrosarcoma, myxosarcoma, liposarcoma, chondrosarcoma, osteogenic sarcoma, chordoma, angiosarcoma, endotheliosarcoma, lymphangiosarcoma, lymphangioendotheliosarcoma, synovioma, mesothelioma, Ewing's tumor, leiomyosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, colon carcinoma, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, gastric cancer, esophageal cancer, head and neck cancer, thyroid cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, sweat gland carcinoma, sebaceous gland carcinoma, papillary carcinoma, papillary adenocarcinomas, cystadenocarcinoma, medullary carcinoma, bronchogenic carcinoma, renal cell carcinoma, hepatoma, bile duct carcinoma, choriocarcinoma, seminoma, embryonal carcinoma, Wilm's tumor, cervical cancer, uterine cancer, testicular cancer, lung carcinoma, small cell lung carcinoma, bladder carcinoma, epithelial

carcinoma, glioma, astrocytoma, medulloblastoma, craniopharyngioma, ependymoma, pinealoma, hemangioblastoma, acoustic neuroma, oligodenriglioma, schwannoma, meningioma, melanoma, neuroblastoma, and retinoblastoma).

Formulation of Pharmaceutical Compositions

The administration of phenothiazine conjugates may be by any suitable means that results in a concentration of the compound that, combined with the other component, is anti-neoplastic upon reaching the target region. The compound may be contained in any appropriate amount in any suitable carrier substance, and is generally present in an amount of 0.1-95% by weight of the total weight of the composition. The composition may be provided in a dosage form that is suitable for the oral, parenteral (e.g., intravenously, intramuscularly, intra-arteriol, subcutaneous), rectal, cutaneous, nasal, vaginal, inhalant, skin (patch), buccal or ocular administration route. Thus, the composition may be in the form of, e.g., tablets, capsules, pills, powders, granulates, suspensions, emulsions, solutions, gels including hydrogels, pastes, ointments, creams, plasters, drenches, osmotic delivery devices, suppositories, enemas, injectables, implants, sprays, or aerosols.

Methods well known in the art for making formulations are found, for example, in "Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy" (20th ed., ed. A.R. Gennaro AR., 2000, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins). Formulations for parenteral administration may, for example, contain excipients, sterile water, or saline, polyalkylene glycols such as polyethylene glycol, oils of vegetable origin, or hydrogenated napthalenes. Biocompatible, biodegradable lactide polymer, lactide/glycolide copolymer, or polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymers may be used to control the release of the compounds. Nanoparticulate formulations (e.g., biodegradable nanoparticles, solid lipid nanoparticles,

liposomes) may be used to control the biodistribution of the compounds. Other potentially useful parenteral delivery systems include ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer particles, osmotic pumps, implantable infusion systems, and liposomes. Formulations for inhalation may contain excipients, for example, lactose, or may be aqueous solutions containing, for example, polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ether, glycolate and deoxycholate, or may be oily solutions for administration in the form of nasal drops, or as a gel. The concentration of the compound in the formulation will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the dosage of the drug to be administered, and the route of administration.

The compound of the invention may be optionally administered as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, such as a non-toxic acid addition salts or metal complexes that are commonly used in the pharmaceutical industry. Examples of acid addition salts include organic acids such as acetic, lactic, pamoic, maleic, citric, malic, ascorbic, succinic, benzoic, palmitic, suberic, salicylic, tartaric, methanesulfonic, toluenesulfonic, or trifluoroacetic acids or the like; polymeric acids such as tannic acid, carboxymethyl cellulose, or the like; and inorganic acid such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid phosphoric acid, or the like. Metal complexes include calcium, zinc, iron, and the like.

Administration of compounds in controlled release formulations is useful where the compound of formula I has (i) a narrow therapeutic index (e.g., the difference between the plasma concentration leading to harmful side effects or toxic reactions and the plasma concentration leading to a therapeutic effect is small; generally, the therapeutic index, TI, is defined as the ratio of median lethal dose (LD50) to median effective dose (ED50)); (ii) a narrow absorption window in the gastro-intestinal tract; or (iii) a short biological half-life, so that frequent dosing during a day is required in order to sustain the plasma level at a therapeutic level.

Many strategies can be pursued to obtain controlled release in which the rate of release outweighs the rate of metabolism of the therapeutic compound. For example, controlled release can be obtained by the appropriate selection of formulation parameters and ingredients, including, e.g., appropriate controlled release compositions and coatings. Examples include single or multiple unit tablet or capsule compositions, oil solutions, suspensions, emulsions, microcapsules, microspheres, nanoparticles, patches, and liposomes.

Formulations for oral use include tablets containing the active ingredient(s) in a mixture with non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients. These excipients may be, for example, inert diluents or fillers (e.g., sucrose and sorbitol), lubricating agents, glidants, and antiadhesives (e.g., magnesium stearate, zinc stearate, stearic acid, silicas, hydrogenated vegetable oils, or talc).

Formulations for oral use may also be provided as chewable tablets, or as hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, or as soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium.

Liposomal Formulations

Phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations can be incorporated into liposomal carriers for administration. The liposomal carriers are composed of three general types of vesicle-forming lipid components. The first includes vesicle-forming lipids which will form the bulk of the vesicle structure in the liposome.

Generally, these vesicle-forming lipids include any amphipathic lipids having hydrophobic and polar head group moieties, and which (a) can form spontaneously into bilayer vesicles in water, as exemplified by phospholipids, or (b) are stably incorporated into lipid bilayers, with its hydrophobic moiety in contact with the interior, hydrophobic region of the bilayer membrane, and its

polar head group moiety oriented toward the exterior, polar surface of the membrane.

The vesicle-forming lipids of this type are preferably ones having two hydrocarbon chains, typically acyl chains, and a polar head group. Included in this class are the phospholipids, such as phosphatidylcholine (PC), PE, phosphatidic acid (PA), phosphatidylinositol (PI), and sphingomyelin (SM), where the two hydrocarbon chains are typically between about 14-22 carbon atoms in length, and have varying degrees of unsaturation. The above-described lipids and phospholipids whose acyl chains have a variety of degrees of saturation can be obtained commercially, or prepared according to published methods. Other lipids that can be included in the invention are glycolipids and sterols, such as cholesterol.

The second general component includes a vesicle-forming lipid which is derivatized with a polymer chain which will form the polymer layer in the composition. The vesicle-forming lipids which can be used as the second general vesicle-forming lipid component are any of those described for the first general vesicle-forming lipid component. Vesicle forming lipids with diacyl chains, such as phospholipids, are preferred. One exemplary phospholipid is phosphatidylethanolamine (PE), which provides a reactive amino group which is convenient for coupling to the activated polymers. An exemplary PE is distearyl PE (DSPE).

The preferred polymer in the derivatized lipid, is polyethyleneglycol (PEG), preferably a PEG chain having a molecular weight between 1,000-15,000 daltons, more preferably between 2,000 and 10,000 daltons, most preferably between 2,000 and 5,000 daltons. Other hydrophilic polymers which may be suitable include polyvinylpyrrolidone, polymethyloxazoline, polyethyloxazoline, polyhydroxypropyl methacrylamide, polymethacrylamide and

polydimethylacrylamide, polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, and derivatized celluloses, such as hydroxymethylcellulose or hydroxyethylcellulose.

Additionally, block copolymers or random copolymers of these polymers, particularly including PEG segments, may be suitable. Methods for preparing lipids derivatized with hydrophilic polymers, such as PEG, are well known e.g., as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,013,556.

The third general vesicle-forming lipid component, which is optional, is a lipid anchor by which a targeting moiety is anchored to the liposome, through a polymer chain in the anchor. Additionally, the targeting group is positioned at the distal end of the polymer chain in such a way so that the biological activity of the targeting moiety is not lost. The lipid anchor has a hydrophobic moiety which serves to anchor the lipid in the outer layer of the liposome bilayer surface, a polar head group to which the interior end of the polymer is covalently attached, and a free (exterior) polymer end which is or can be activated for covalent coupling to the targeting moiety. Methods for preparing lipid anchor molecules of this types are described below.

The lipids components used in forming the liposomes are preferably present in a molar ratio of about 70-90 percent vesicle forming lipids, 1-25 percent polymer derivatized lipid, and 0.1-5 percent lipid anchor. One exemplary formulation includes 50-70 mole percent underivatized PE, 20-40 mole percent cholesterol, 0.1-1 mole percent of a PE-PEG (3500) polymer with a chemically reactive group at its free end for coupling to a targeting moiety, 5-10 mole percent PE derivatized with PEG 3500 polymer chains, and 1 mole percent alpha-tocopherol.

The liposomes are preferably prepared to have substantially homogeneous sizes in a selected size range, typically between about 0.03 to 0.5 microns. One effective sizing method for REVs and MLVs involves extruding an aqueous suspension of the liposomes through a series of polycarbonate membranes having

a selected uniform pore size in the range of 0.03 to 0.2 micron, typically 0.05, 0.08, 0.1, or 0.2 microns. The pore size of the membrane corresponds roughly to the largest sizes of liposomes produced by extrusion through that membrane, particularly where the preparation is extruded two or more times through the same membrane. Homogenization methods are also useful for down-sizing liposomes to sizes of 100 nm or less.

The liposomal formulations of the present invention include at least one surface-active agent. Suitable surface-active agents useful for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein, including compounds belonging to the following classes: polyethoxylated fatty acids, PEG-fatty acid diesters, PEG-fatty acid mono-ester and di-ester mixtures, polyethylene glycol glycerol fatty acid esters, alcohol-oil transesterification products, polyglycerized fatty acids, propylene glycol fatty acid esters, mixtures of propylene glycol esters and glycerol esters, mono- and diglycerides, sterol and sterol derivatives, polyethylene glycol sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers, sugar esters, polyethylene glycol alkyl phenols, polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymers, sorbitan fatty acid esters, lower alcohol fatty acid esters, and ionic surfactants. Commercially available examples for each class of excipient are provided below.

Polyethoxylated fatty acids may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyethoxylated fatty acid monoester surfactants include: PEG 4-100 monolaurate (Crodet L series, Croda), PEG 4-100 monooleate (Crodet O series, Croda), PEG 4-100 monostearate (Crodet S series, Croda, and Myrj Series, Atlas/ICI), PEG 400 distearate (Cithrol 4DS series, Croda), PEG 100, 200, or 300 monolaurate (Cithrol ML series, Croda), PEG 100, 200, or 300 monooleate (Cithrol MO series, Croda), PEG 400 dioleate (Cithrol 4DO series, Croda), PEG 400-1000 monostearate (Cithrol MS series, Croda),

PEG-1 stearate (Nikkol MYS-1EX, Nikko, and Coster K1, Condea), PEG-2 stearate (Nikkol MYS-2, Nikko), PEG-2 oleate (Nikkol MYO-2, Nikko), PEG-4 laurate (Mapeg® 200 ML, PPG), PEG-4 oleate (Mapeg® 200 MO, PPG), PEG-4 stearate (Kessco® PEG 200 MS, Stepan), PEG-5 stearate (Nikkol TMGS-5, Nikko), PEG-5 oleate (Nikkol TMGO-5, Nikko), PEG-6 oleate (Algon OL 60, Auschem SpA), PEG-7 oleate (Algon OL 70, Auschem SpA), PEG-6 laurate (Kessco® PEG300 ML, Stepan), PEG-7 laurate (Lauridac 7, Condea), PEG-6 stearate (Kessco® PEG300 MS, Stepan), PEG-8 laurate (Mapeg® 400 ML, PPG), PEG-8 oleate (Mapeg® 400 MO, PPG), PEG-8 stearate (Mapeg® 400 MS, PPG), PEG-9 oleate (Emulgante A9, Condea), PEG-9 stearate (Cremophor S9, BASF), PEG-10 laurate (Nikkol MYL-10, Nikko), PEG-10 oleate (Nikkol MYO-10, Nikko), PEG-12 stearate (Nikkol MYS-10, Nikko), PEG-12 laurate (Kessco® PEG 600 ML, Stepan), PEG-12 oleate (Kessco® PEG 600 MO, Stepan), PEG-12 ricinoleate (CAS # 9004-97-1), PEG-12 stearate (Mapeg® 600 MS, PPG), PEG-15 stearate (Nikkol TMGS-15, Nikko), PEG-15 oleate (Nikkol TMGO-15, Nikko), PEG-20 laurate (Kessco® PEG 1000 ML, Stepan), PEG-20 oleate (Kessco® PEG 1000 MO, Stepan), PEG-20 stearate (Mapeg® 1000 MS, PPG), PEG-25 stearate (Nikkol MYS-25, Nikko), PEG-32 laurate (Kessco® PEG 1540 ML, Stepan), PEG-32 oleate (Kessco® PEG 1540 MO, Stepan), PEG-32 stearate (Kessco® PEG 1540 MS, Stepan), PEG-30 stearate (Myrj 51), PEG-40 laurate (Crodet L40, Croda), PEG-40 oleate (Crodet O40, Croda), PEG-40 stearate (Emerest® 2715, Henkel), PEG-45 stearate (Nikkol MYS-45, Nikko), PEG-50 stearate (Myrj 53), PEG-55 stearate (Nikkol MYS-55, Nikko), PEG-100 oleate (Crodet O-100, Croda), PEG-100 stearate (Ariacel 165, ICI), PEG-200 oleate (Albunol 200 MO, Taiwan Surf.), PEG-400 oleate (LACTOMUL, Henkel), and PEG-600 oleate (Albunol 600 MO, Taiwan Surf.). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyethoxylated fatty acids above.

Polyethylene glycol fatty acid diesters may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyethylene glycol fatty acid diesters include: PEG-4 dilaurate (Mapeg® 200 DL, PPG), PEG-4 dioleate (Mapeg® 200 DO, PPG), PEG-4 distearate (Kessco® 200 DS, Stepan), PEG-6 dilaurate (Kessco® PEG 300 DL, Stepan), PEG-6 dioleate (Kessco® PEG 300 DO, Stepan), PEG-6 distearate (Kessco® PEG 300 DS, Stepan), PEG-8 dilaurate (Mapeg® 400 DL, PPG), PEG-8 dioleate (Mapeg® 400 DO, PPG), PEG-8 distearate (Mapeg® 400 DS, PPG), PEG-10 dipalmitate (Polyaldo 2PKFG), PEG-12 dilaurate (Kessco® PEG 600 DL, Stepan), PEG-12 distearate (Kessco® PEG 600 DS, Stepan), PEG-12 dioleate (Mapeg® 600 DO, PPG), PEG-20 dilaurate (Kessco® PEG 1000 DL, Stepan), PEG-20 dioleate (Kessco® PEG 1000 DO, Stepan), PEG-20 distearate (Kessco® PEG 1000 DS, Stepan), PEG-32 dilaurate (Kessco® PEG 1540 DL, Stepan), PEG-32 dioleate (Kessco® PEG 1540 DO, Stepan), PEG-32 distearate (Kessco® PEG 1540 DS, Stepan), PEG-400 dioleate (Cithrol 4DO series, Croda), and PEG-400 distearate Cithrol 4DS series, Croda). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyethylene glycol fatty acid diesters above.

PEG-fatty acid mono- and di-ester mixtures may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available PEG-fatty acid mono- and di-ester mixtures include: PEG 4-150 mono, dilaurate (Kessco® PEG 200-6000 mono, Dilaurate, Stepan), PEG 4-150 mono, dioleate (Kessco® PEG 200-6000 mono, Dioleate, Stepan), and PEG 4-150 mono, distearate (Kessco® 200-6000 mono, Distearate, Stepan). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the PEG-fatty acid mono- and di-ester mixtures above.

In addition, polyethylene glycol glycerol fatty acid esters may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyethylene glycol glycerol fatty acid esters include: PEG-20 glyceryl laurate (Tagat® L, Goldschmidt), PEG-30 glyceryl laurate (Tagat® L2, Goldschmidt), PEG-15 glyceryl laurate (Glycerox L series, Croda), PEG-40 glyceryl laurate (Glycerox L series, Croda), PEG-20 glyceryl stearate (Capmul® EMG, ABITEC), and Aldo® MS-20 KFG, Lonza), PEG-20 glyceryl oleate (Tagat® O, Goldschmidt), and PEG-30 glyceryl oleate (Tagat® O2, Goldschmidt). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyethylene glycol glycerol fatty acid esters above.

Alcohol-oil transesterification products may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available alcohol-oil transesterification products include: PEG-3 castor oil (Nikkol CO-3, Nikko), PEG-5, 9, and 16 castor oil (ACCONON CA series, ABITEC), PEG-20 castor oil, (Emalex C-20, Nihon Emulsion), PEG-23 castor oil (Emulgante EL23), PEG-30 castor oil (Incrocas 30, Croda), PEG-35 castor oil (Incrocas-35, Croda), PEG-38 castor oil (Emulgante EL 65, Condea), PEG-40 castor oil (Emalex C-40, Nihon Emulsion), PEG-50 castor oil (Emalex C-50, Nihon Emulsion), PEG-56 castor oil (Eumulgin® PRT 56, Pulcra SA), PEG-60 castor oil (Nikkol CO-60TX, Nikko), PEG-100 castor oil, PEG-200 castor oil (Eumulgin® PRT 200, Pulcra SA), PEG-5 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-5, Nikko), PEG-7 hydrogenated castor oil (Cremophor WO7, BASF), PEG-10 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-10, Nikko), PEG-20 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-20, Nikko), PEG-25 hydrogenated castor oil (Simulsol® 1292, Seppic), PEG-30 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-30, Nikko), PEG-40 hydrogenated castor oil (Cremophor RH 40,

BASF), PEG-45 hydrogenated castor oil (Cerex ELS 450, Auschem Spa), PEG-50 hydrogenated castor oil (Emalex HC-50, Nihon Emulsion), PEG-60 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-60, Nikko), PEG-80 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-80, Nikko), PEG-100 hydrogenated castor oil (Nikkol HCO-100, Nikko), PEG-6 corn oil (Labrafil® M 2125 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 almond oil (Labrafil® M 1966 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 apricot kernel oil (Labrafil® M 1944 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 olive oil (Labrafil® M 1980 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 peanut oil (Labrafil® M 1969 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 hydrogenated palm kernel oil (Labrafil® M 2130 BS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 palm kernel oil (Labrafil® M 2130 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-6 triolein (Labrafil® M 2735 CS, Gattefosse), PEG-8 corn oil (Labrafil® WL 2609 BS, Gattefosse), PEG-20 corn glycerides (Crovol M40, Croda), PEG-20 almond glycerides (Crovol A40, Croda), PEG-25 trioleate (TAGAT® TO, Goldschmidt), PEG-40 palm kernel oil (Crovol PK-70), PEG-60 corn glycerides (Crovol M70, Croda), PEG-60 almond glycerides (Crovol A70, Croda), PEG-4 caprylic/capric triglyceride (Labrafac® Hydro, Gattefosse), PEG-8 caprylic/capric glycerides (Labrasol, Gattefosse), PEG-6 caprylic/capric glycerides (SOFTIGEN®767, Huls), lauroyl macrogol-32 glyceride (GELUCIRE 44/14, Gattefosse), stearoyl macrogol glyceride (GELUCIRE 50/13, Gattefosse), mono, di, tri, tetra esters of vegetable oils and sorbitol (SorbitoGlyceride, Gattefosse), pentaerythrityl tetraisostearate (Crodamol PTIS, Croda), pentaerythrityl distearate (Albunol DS, Taiwan Surf.), pentaerythrityl tetraoleate (Liponate PO-4, Lipo Chem.), pentaerythrityl tetrastearate (Liponate PS-4, Lipo Chem.), pentaerythrityl tetracaprylate tetracaprate (Liponate PE-810, Lipo Chem.), and pentaerythrityl tetraoctanoate (Nikkol Pentarate 408, Nikko). Also included as oils in this category of surfactants are oil-soluble vitamins, such as vitamins A, D, E, K, etc. Thus, derivatives of these vitamins, such as tocopheryl PEG-1000 succinate (TPGS, available from Eastman), are also suitable surfactants. Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the

invention may include one or more of the alcohol-oil transesterification products above.

Polyglycerized fatty acids may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyglycerized fatty acids include: polyglyceryl-2 stearate (Nikkol DGMS, Nikko), polyglyceryl-2 oleate (Nikkol DGMO, Nikko), polyglyceryl-2 isostearate (Nikkol DGMIS, Nikko), polyglyceryl-3 oleate (Caprol® 3GO, ABITEC), polyglyceryl-4 oleate (Nikkol Tetraglyn 1-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-4 stearate (Nikkol Tetraglyn 1-S, Nikko), polyglyceryl-6 oleate (Drewpol 6-1-O, Stepan), polyglyceryl-10 laurate (Nikkol Decaglyn 1-L, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 oleate (Nikkol Decaglyn 1-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 stearate (Nikkol Decaglyn 1-S, Nikko), polyglyceryl-6 ricinoleate (Nikkol Hexaglyn PR-15, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 linoleate (Nikkol Decaglyn 1-LN, Nikko), polyglyceryl-6 pentaoleate (Nikkol Hexaglyn 5-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-3 dioleate (Cremophor GO32, BASF), polyglyceryl-3 distearate (Cremophor GS32, BASF), polyglyceryl-4 pentaoleate (Nikkol Tetraglyn 5-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-6 dioleate (Caprol® 6G20, ABITEC), polyglyceryl-2 dioleate (Nikkol DGDO, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 trioleate (Nikkol Decaglyn 3-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 pentaoleate (Nikkol Decaglyn 5-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 septaoleate (Nikkol Decaglyn 7-O, Nikko), polyglyceryl-10 tetraoleate (Caprol® 10G4O, ABITEC), polyglyceryl-10 decaisostearate (Nikkol Decaglyn 10-IS, Nikko), polyglyceryl-101 decaoleate (Drewpol 10-10-O, Stepan), polyglyceryl-10 mono, dioleate (Caprol® PGE 860, ABITEC), and polyglyceryl polyricinoleate (Polymuls, Henkel). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyglycerized fatty acids above.

In addition, propylene glycol fatty acid esters may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations

described herein. Examples of commercially available propylene glycol fatty acid esters include: propylene glycol monocaprylate (Capryol 90, Gattefosse), propylene glycol monolaurate (Lauroglycol 90, Gattefosse), propylene glycol oleate (Lutrol OP2000, BASF), propylene glycol myristate (Mirpyl), propylene glycol monostearate (LIPO PGMS, Lipo Chem.), propylene glycol hydroxystearate, propylene glycol ricinoleate (PROPYMULS, Henkel), propylene glycol isostearate, propylene glycol monooleate (Myverol P-O6, Eastman), propylene glycol dicaprylate dicaprate (Captex® 200, ABITEC), propylene glycol dioctanoate (Captex® 800, ABITEC), propylene glycol caprylate caprate (LABRAFAC PG, Gattefosse), propylene glycol dilaurate, propylene glycol distearate (Kessco® PGDS, Stepan), propylene glycol dicaprylate (Nikkol Sefsol 228, Nikko), and propylene glycol dicaprate (Nikkol PDD, Nikko). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the propylene glycol fatty acid esters above.

Mixtures of propylene glycol esters and glycerol esters may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. One preferred mixture is composed of the oleic acid esters of propylene glycol and glycerol (Arlacel 186). Examples of these surfactants include: oleic (ATMOS 300, ARLACEL 186, ICI), and stearic (ATMOS 150). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the mixtures of propylene glycol esters and glycerol esters above.

Further, mono- and diglycerides may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available mono- and diglycerides include: monopalmitolein (C16:1) (Larodan), monoelaidin (C18:1) (Larodan), monocaproin (C6) (Larodan), monocaprylin (Larodan), monocaprin (Larodan), monolaurin (Larodan), glyceryl monomyristate (C14) (Nikkol MGM, Nikko),

glyceryl monooleate (C18:1) (PECEOL, Gattefosse), glyceryl monooleate (Myverol, Eastman), glycerol monooleate/linoleate (OLICINE, Gattefosse), glycerol monolinoleate (Maisine, Gattefosse), glyceryl ricinoleate (Softigen® 701, Huls), glyceryl monolaurate (ALDO® MLD, Lonza), glycerol monopalmitate (Emalex GMS-P, Nihon), glycerol monostearate (Capmul® GMS, ABITEC), glyceryl mono- and dioleate (Capmul® GMO-K, ABITEC), glyceryl palmitic/stearic (CUTINA MD-A, ESTAGEL-G18), glyceryl acetate (Lamegin® EE, Grunau GmbH), glyceryl laurate (Imwitor® 312, Huls), glyceryl citrate/lactate/oleate/linoleate (Imwitor® 375, Huls), glyceryl caprylate (Imwitor® 308, Huls), glyceryl caprylate/caprate (Capmul® MCM, ABITEC), caprylic acid mono- and diglycerides (Imwitor® 988, Huls), caprylic/capric glycerides (Imwitor® 742, Huls), Mono-and diacetylated monoglycerides (Myvacet® 9-45, Eastman), glyceryl monostearate (Aldo® MS, Arlacel 129, ICI), lactic acid esters of mono and diglycerides (LAMEGIN GLP, Henkel), dicaproin (C6) (Larodan), dicaprin (C10) (Larodan), dioctanoin (C8) (Larodan), dimyristin (C14) (Larodan), dipalmitin (C16) (Larodan), distearin (Larodan), glyceryl dilaurate (C12) (Capmul® GDL, ABITEC), glyceryl dioleate (Capmul® GDO, ABITEC), glycerol esters of fatty acids (GELUCIRE 39/01, Gattefosse), dipalmitolein (C16:1) (Larodan), 1,2 and 1,3-diolein (C18:1) (Larodan), dielaidin (C18:1) (Larodan), and dilinolein (C18:2) (Larodan). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the mono- and diglycerides above.

Sterol and sterol derivatives may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available sterol and sterol derivatives include: cholesterol, sitosterol, lanosterol, PEG-24 cholesterol ether (Solulan C-24, Amerchol), PEG-30 cholestanol (Phytosterol GENEROL series, Henkel), PEG-25 phytosterol (Nikkol BPSH-25, Nikko), PEG-5 soyasterol

(Nikkol BPS-5, Nikko), PEG-10 soyasterol (Nikkol BPS-10, Nikko), PEG-20 soyasterol (Nikkol BPS-20, Nikko), and PEG-30 soyasterol (Nikkol BPS-30, Nikko). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the sterol and sterol derivatives above.

Polyethylene glycol sorbitan fatty acid esters may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyethylene glycol sorbitan fatty acid esters include: PEG-10 sorbitan laurate (Liposorb L-10, Lipo Chem.), PEG-20 sorbitan monolaurate (Tween® 20, Atlas/ICI), PEG-4 sorbitan monolaurate (Tween® 21, Atlas/ICI), PEG-80 sorbitan monolaurate (Hodag PSML-80, Calgene), PEG-6 sorbitan monolaurate (Nikkol GL-1, Nikko), PEG-20 sorbitan monopalmitate (Tween® 40, Atlas/ICI), PEG-20 sorbitan monostearate (Tween® 60, Atlas/ICI), PEG-4 sorbitan monostearate (Tween® 61, Atlas/ICI), PEG-8 sorbitan monostearate (DACOL MSS, Condea), PEG-6 sorbitan monostearate (Nikkol TS106, Nikko), PEG-20 sorbitan tristearate (Tween® 65, Atlas/ICI), PEG-6 sorbitan tetrastearate (Nikkol GS-6, Nikko), PEG-60 sorbitan tetrastearate (Nikkol GS-460, Nikko), PEG-5 sorbitan monooleate (Tween® 81, Atlas/ICI), PEG-6 sorbitan monooleate (Nikkol TO-106, Nikko), PEG-20 sorbitan monooleate (Tween® 80, Atlas/ICI), PEG-40 sorbitan oleate (Emalex ET 8040, Nihon Emulsion), PEG-20 sorbitan trioleate (Tween® 85, Atlas/ICI), PEG-6 sorbitan tetraoleate (Nikkol GO-4, Nikko), PEG-30 sorbitan tetraoleate (Nikkol GO-430, Nikko), PEG-40 sorbitan tetraoleate (Nikkol GO-440, Nikko), PEG-20 sorbitan monoisostearate (Tween® 120, Atlas/ICI), PEG sorbitol hexaoleate (Atlas G-1086, ICI), polysorbate 80 (Tween® 80, Pharma), polysorbate 85 (Tween® 85, Pharma), polysorbate 20 (Tween® 20, Pharma), polysorbate 40 (Tween® 40, Pharma), polysorbate 60 (Tween® 60, Pharma), and PEG-6 sorbitol hexastearate (Nikkol GS-6, Nikko). Formulations of the phenothiazine

conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyethylene glycol sorbitan fatty acid esters above.

In addition, polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers include: PEG-2 oleyl ether, oleth-2 (Brij 92/93, Atlas/ICI), PEG-3 oleyl ether, oleth-3 (Volpo 3, Croda), PEG-5 oleyl ether, oleth-5 (Volpo 5, Croda), PEG-10 oleyl ether, oleth-10 (Volpo 10, Croda), PEG-20 oleyl ether, oleth-20 (Volpo 20, Croda), PEG-4 lauryl ether, laureth-4 (Brij 30, Atlas/ICI), PEG-9 lauryl ether, PEG-23 lauryl ether, laureth-23 (Brij 35, Atlas/ICI), PEG-2 cetyl ether (Brij 52, ICI), PEG-10 cetyl ether (Brij 56, ICI), PEG-20 cetyl ether (BriJ 58, ICI), PEG-2 stearyl ether (Brij 72, ICI), PEG-10 stearyl ether (Brij 76, ICI), PEG-20 stearyl ether (Brij 78, ICI), and PEG-100 stearyl ether (Brij 700, ICI). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers above.

Sugar esters may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available sugar esters include: sucrose distearate (SUCRO ESTER 7, Gattefosse), sucrose distearate/monostearate (SUCRO ESTER 11, Gattefosse), sucrose dipalmitate, sucrose monostearate (Crodesta F-160, Croda), sucrose monopalmitate (SUCRO ESTER 15, Gattefosse), and sucrose monolaurate (Saccharose monolaurate 1695, Mitsubisbi-Kasei). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the sugar esters above.

Polyethylene glycol alkyl phenols are also useful as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially available polyethylene glycol alkyl

phenols include: PEG-10-100 nonylphenol series (Triton X series, Rohm & Haas) and PEG-15-100 octylphenol ether series (Triton N-series, Rohm & Haas). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyethylene glycol alkyl phenols above.

Polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymers may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. These surfactants are available under various trade names, including one or more of Synperonic PE series (ICI), Pluronic® series (BASF), Lutrol (BASF), Supronic, Monolan, Pluracare, and Plurodac. The generic term for these copolymers is "poloxamer" (CAS 9003-11-6). These polymers have the formula (X):

$$HO(C_2H_4O)_a(C_3H_6O)_b(C_2H_4O)_aH \quad \text{(X)}$$

where "a" and "b" denote the number of polyoxyethylene and polyoxypropylene units, respectively. These copolymers are available in molecular weights ranging from 1000 to 15000 daltons, and with ethylene oxide/propylene oxide ratios between 0.1 and 0.8 by weight. Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymers above.

Polyoxyethylenes, such as PEG 300, PEG 400, and PEG 600, may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein.

Sorbitan fatty acid esters may also be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of commercially sorbitan fatty acid esters include: sorbitan monolaurate (Span-20, Atlas/ICI), sorbitan monopalmitate (Span-40, Atlas/ICI), sorbitan

monooleate (Span-80, Atlas/ICI), sorbitan monostearate (Span-60, Atlas/ICI), sorbitan trioleate (Span-85, Atlas/ICI), sorbitan sesquioleate (Arlacel-C, ICI), sorbitan tristearate (Span-65, Atlas/ICI), sorbitan monoisostearate (Crill 6, Croda), and sorbitan sesquistearate (Nikkol SS-15, Nikko). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the sorbitan fatty acid esters above.

Esters of lower alcohols (C_2 to C_4) and fatty acids (C_8 to C_{18}) are suitable surfactants for use in the invention. Examples of these surfactants include: ethyl oleate (Crodamol EO, Croda), isopropyl myristate (Crodamol IPM, Croda), isopropyl palmitate (Crodamol IPP, Croda), ethyl linoleate (Nikkol VF-E, Nikko), and isopropyl linoleate (Nikkol VF-IP, Nikko). Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the lower alcohol fatty acid esters above.

In addition, ionic surfactants may be used as excipients for the formulation of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations described herein. Examples of useful ionic surfactants include: sodium caproate, sodium caprylate, sodium caprate, sodium laurate, sodium myristate, sodium myristolate, sodium palmitate, sodium palmitoleate, sodium oleate, sodium ricinoleate, sodium linoleate, sodium linolenate, sodium stearate, sodium lauryl sulfate (dodecyl), sodium tetradecyl sulfate, sodium lauryl sarcosinate, sodium dioctyl sulfosuccinate, sodium cholate, sodium taurocholate, sodium glycocholate, sodium deoxycholate, sodium taurodeoxycholate, sodium glycodeoxycholate, sodium ursodeoxycholate, sodium chenodeoxycholate, sodium taurochenodeoxycholate, sodium glyco cheno deoxycholate, sodium cholylsarcosinate, sodium N-methyl taurocholate, egg yolk phosphatides, hydrogenated soy lecithin, dimyristoyl lecithin, lecithin, hydroxylated lecithin, lysophosphatidylcholine, cardiolipin, sphingomyelin, phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidyl ethanolamine, phosphatidic acid, phosphatidyl glycerol, phosphatidyl serine, diethanolamine, phospholipids,

polyoxyethylene-10 oleyl ether phosphate, esterification products of fatty alcohols or fatty alcohol ethoxylates, with phosphoric acid or anhydride, ether carboxylates (by oxidation of terminal OH group of, fatty alcohol ethoxylates), succinylated monoglycerides, sodium stearyl fumarate, stearoyl propylene glycol hydrogen succinate, mono/diacetylated tartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides, citric acid esters of mono-, diglycerides, glyceryl-lacto esters of fatty acids, acyl lactylates, lactylic esters of fatty acids, sodium stearoyl-2-lactylate, sodium stearoyl lactylate, alginate salts, propylene glycol alginate, ethoxylated alkyl sulfates, alkyl benzene sulfones, α-olefin sulfonates, acyl isethionates, acyl taurates, alkyl glyceryl ether sulfonates, sodium octyl sulfosuccinate, sodium undecylenamideo-MEA-sulfosuccinate, hexadecyl triammonium bromide, decyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, dodecyl ammonium chloride, alkyl benzyldimethylammonium salts, diisobutyl phenoxyethoxydimethyl benzylammonium salts, alkylpyridinium salts, betaines (trialkylglycine), lauryl betaine (N-lauryl, N,N-dimethylglycine), and ethoxylated amines (polyoxyethylene-15 coconut amine). For simplicity, typical counterions are provided above. It will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, however, that any bioacceptable counterion may be used. For example, although the fatty acids are shown as sodium salts, other cation counterions can also be used, such as, for example, alkali metal cations or ammonium. Formulations of the phenothiazine conjugates, and phenothiazine combinations according to the invention may include one or more of the ionic surfactants above.

The excipients present in the formulations of the invention are present in amounts such that the carrier forms a clear, or opalescent, aqueous dispersion of the phenothiazine, phenothiazine conjugate, or phenothiazine combination sequestered within the liposome. The relative amount of a surface active excipient necessary for the preparation of liposomal or solid lipid nanoparticulate formulations is determined using known methodology. For example, liposomes

may be prepared by a variety of techniques, such as those detailed in Szoka et al, 1980. Multilamellar vesicles (MLVs) can be formed by simple lipid-film hydration techniques. In this procedure, a mixture of liposome-forming lipids of the type detailed above dissolved in a suitable organic solvent is evaporated in a vessel to form a thin film, which is then covered by an aqueous medium. The lipid film hydrates to form MLVs, typically with sizes between about 0.1 to 10 microns.

Other established liposomal formulation techniques can be applied as needed. For example, the use of liposomes to facilitate cellular uptake is described in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,897,355 and 4,394,448.

Dosages

The dosage of each compound of the claimed combinations depends on several factors, including: the administration method, the neoplasm to be treated, the severity of the neoplasm, whether the neoplasm is to be treated or prevented, and the age, weight, and health of the patient to be treated. The phenothiazine conjugates, combinations, and formulations of the invention are administered to patients in therapeutically effective amounts. For example, an amount is administered which prevents, reduces, or eliminates the neoplasm. Typical dose ranges are from about 0.001 μg/kg to about 5 mg/kg of body weight per day. Desirably, a dose of between 0.001 μg/kg and 1 mg/kg of body weight, or 0.005 μg/kg and 0.5 mg/kg of body weight, is administered. The exemplary dosage of drug to be administered is likely to depend on such variables as the type and extent of the condition, the overall health status of the particular patient, the formulation of the compound, and its route of administration. Standard clinical trials may be used to optimize the dose and dosing frequency for any particular compound.

For combinations that include an anti-proliferative agent, the recommended dosage for the anti-proliferative agent is desirably less than or equal to the

recommended dose as given in the *Physician's Desk Reference*, 57th Edition (2003).

As described above, the phenothiazine conjugates may be administered orally in the form of tablets, capsules, elixirs or syrups, or rectally in the form of suppositories. Parenteral administration of a compound is suitably performed, for example, in the form of saline solutions or with the compound incorporated into liposomes. In cases where the compound in itself is not sufficiently soluble to be dissolved, a solubilizer such as ethanol can be applied.

The following examples are put forth so as to provide those of ordinary skill in the art with a complete disclosure and description of how the methods and compounds claimed herein are performed, made, and evaluated, and are intended to be purely exemplary of the invention and are not intended to limit the scope of what the inventors regard as their invention.

Examples

Example 1: Protection and deprotection of reactive groups

The synthesis of phenothiazine conjugates may involve the selective protection and deprotection of alcohols, amines, ketones, sulfhydryls or carboxyl functional groups of the phenothiazine, the linker, the bulky group, and/or the charged group. For example, commonly used protecting groups for amines include carbamates, such as *tert*-butyl, benzyl, 2,2,2 –trichloroethyl, 2-trimethylsilylethyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, allyl, and m-nitrophenyl. Other commonly used protecting groups for amines include amides, such as formamides, acetamides, trifluoroacetamides, sulfonamides, trifluoromethanesulfonyl amides, trimethylsilylethanesulfonamides, and *tert*-butylsulfonyl amides. Examples of commonly used protecting groups for carboxyls include esters, such as methyl, ethyl, *tert*-butyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy methyl, benzyl,

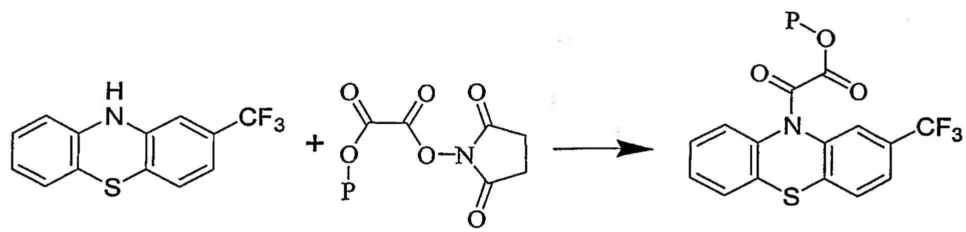
diphenylmethyl, O-nitrobenzyl, ortho-esters, and halo-esters. Examples of commonly used protecting groups for alcohols include ethers, such as methyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, benzyloxymethyl, tetrahydropyranyl, ethoxyethyl, benzyl, 2-napthylmethyl, O-nitrobenzyl, P-nitrobenzyl, P-methoxybenzyl, 9-phenylxanthyl, trityl (including methoxy-trityls), and silyl ethers. Examples of commonly used protecting groups for sulfhydryls include many of the same protecting groups used for hydroxyls. In addition, sulfhydryls can be protected in a reduced form (e.g., as disulfides) or an oxidized form (e.g., as sulfonic acids, sulfonic esters, or sulfonic amides). Protecting groups can be chosen such that selective conditions (e.g., acidic conditions, basic conditions, catalysis by a nucleophile, catalysis by a lewis acid, or hydrogenation) are required to remove each, exclusive of other protecting groups in a molecule. The conditions required for the addition of protecting groups to amine, alcohol, sulfhydryl, and carboxyl functionalities and the conditions required for their removal are provided in detail in T.W. Green and P.G.M. Wuts, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis (2nd Ed.), John Wiley & Sons, 1991 and P.J. Kocienski, Protecting Groups, Georg Thieme Verlag, 1994.

In the examples that follow, the use of protecting groups is indicated in a structure by the letter P, where P for any amine, aldehyde, ketone, carboxyl, sulfhydryl, or alcohol may be any of the protecting groups listed above.

Example 2: Polyguanidine conjugates of phenothiazines

2-(trifluoromethyl)phenothiazine (CAS 92-30-8, Aldrich Cat. No. T6,345-2) can be reacted with an activated carboxyl. Carboxyls can be activated, for example, by formation of an active ester, such as nitrophenylesters, N-hydroxysuccinimidyl esters, or others as described in *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 12:129, 1983 and *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 17:569, 1978, incorporated herein by

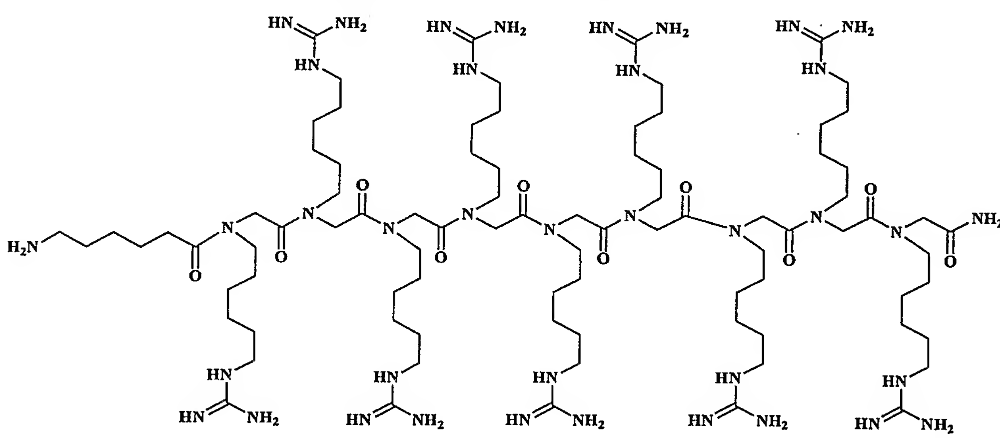
reference. For example, oxalic acid (Aldrich, catalogue number 24,117-2) can be attached as a linking group, as shown below in reaction 1.



reaction 1

The protecting group in the reaction product can be removed by hydrolysis. The resulting acid is available for conjugation to a bulky group or a charged group.

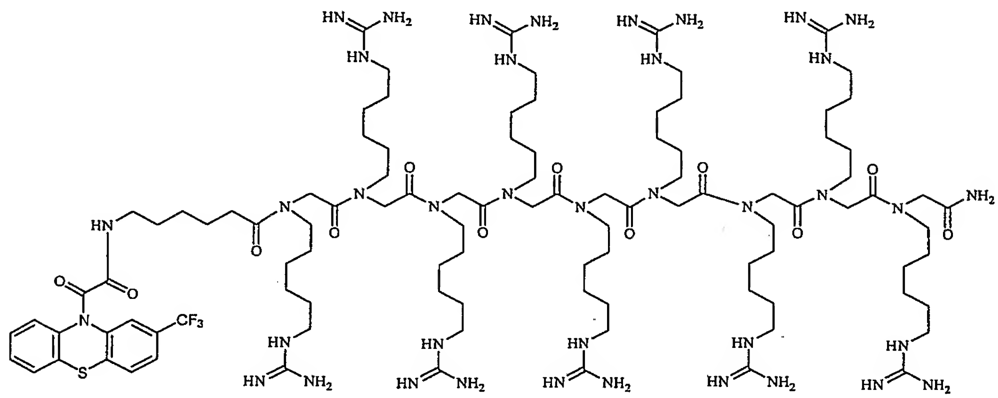
The polyguanidine peptoid N-hxg, shown below, can be prepared according to the methods described by Wender et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 97(24):13003-8, 2000, incorporated herein by reference.



N-hxg with an aminohexanoic acid linker at the N-terminus

The carboxyl derivative produced by the deprotection of the product of reaction 1can be activated, *vide supra*, and conjugated to the protected precursor of N-hxg followed by the formation of the guanidine moieties and cleavage from

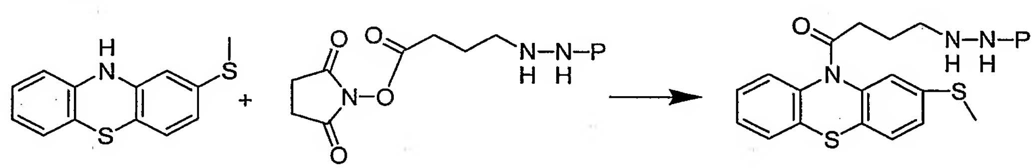
the solid phase resin, as described by Wender *ibid.*, to produce the polyguanidine prednisolone conjugate shown below.



The resulting phenothiazine conjugate includes a bulky group (FW 1,900 Da) which includes several positively charged moieties.

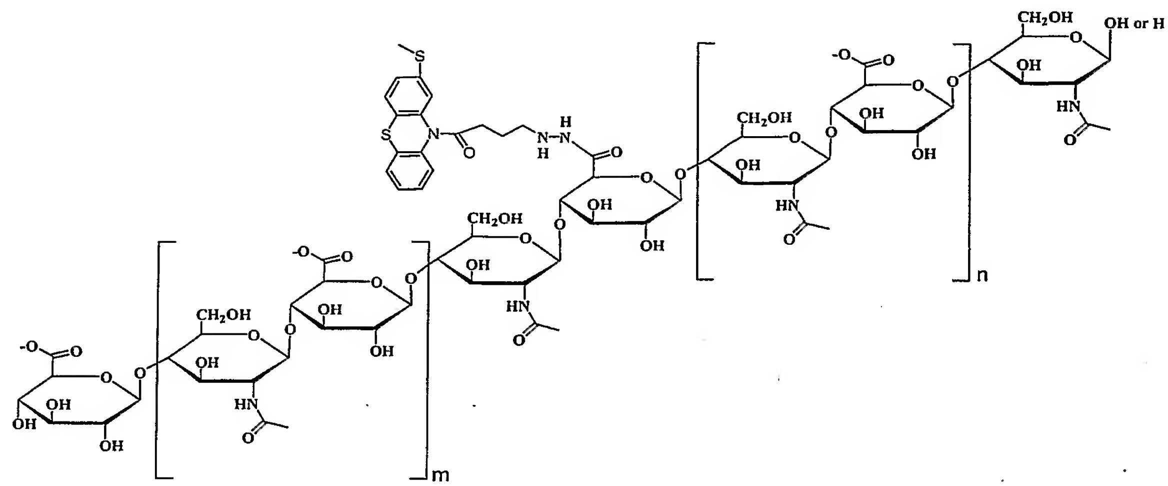
Example 3: Hyaluronic acid conjugates of a phenothiazines

2-Methylthiophenothiazine (CAS 7643-08-5, Aldrich Cat. No. 55,292-5) can be reacted a hydrazine-substituted carboxylic acid, which has been activated as shown in reaction 3.



reaction 3

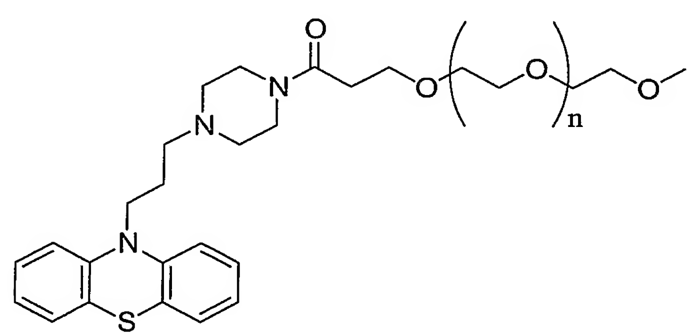
The protecting group can be removed from the reaction product and the free hydrazine coupled to a carboxyl group of hyaluronic acid as described by, for example, Vercruysse et al., *Bioconjugate Chem.*, 8:686, 1997 or Pouyani et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 116:7515, 1994. The structure of the resulting hydrazide conjugate is provided below.



In the phenothiazine conjugate above, the hyaluronic acid is approximately 160,000 Daltons in molecular weight. Accordingly, m and n are whole integers between 0 and 400. Conjugates of lower and higher molecular weight hyaluronic acid can be prepared in a similar fashion.

Example 4: PEG conjugates of phenothiazines

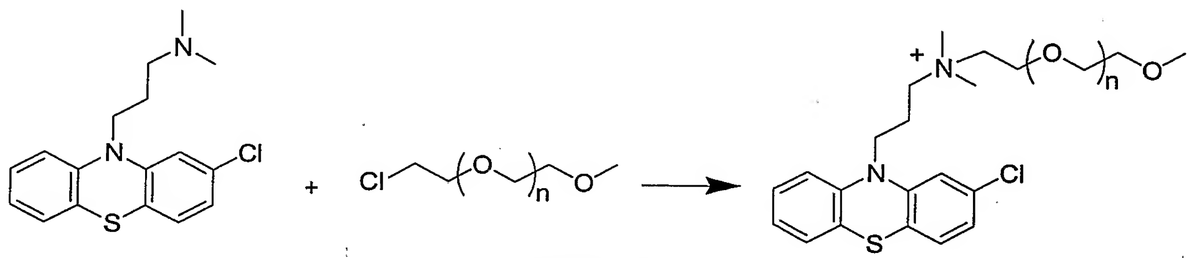
(10-piperadinylpropyl)phenothiazine can be conjugated to mono-methyl polyethylene glycol 5,000 propionic acid N-succinimidyl ester (Fluka, product number 85969). The resulting mPEG conjugate, shown below, is an example of a phenothiazine conjugate of a bulky uncharged group.



mPEG-phenothiazine, n is approximately 110

Conjugates of lower and higher molecular weight mPEG can be prepared in a similar fashion (see, for example, Roberts et al., *Adv. Drug Delivery Rev.* 54:459 (2002)).

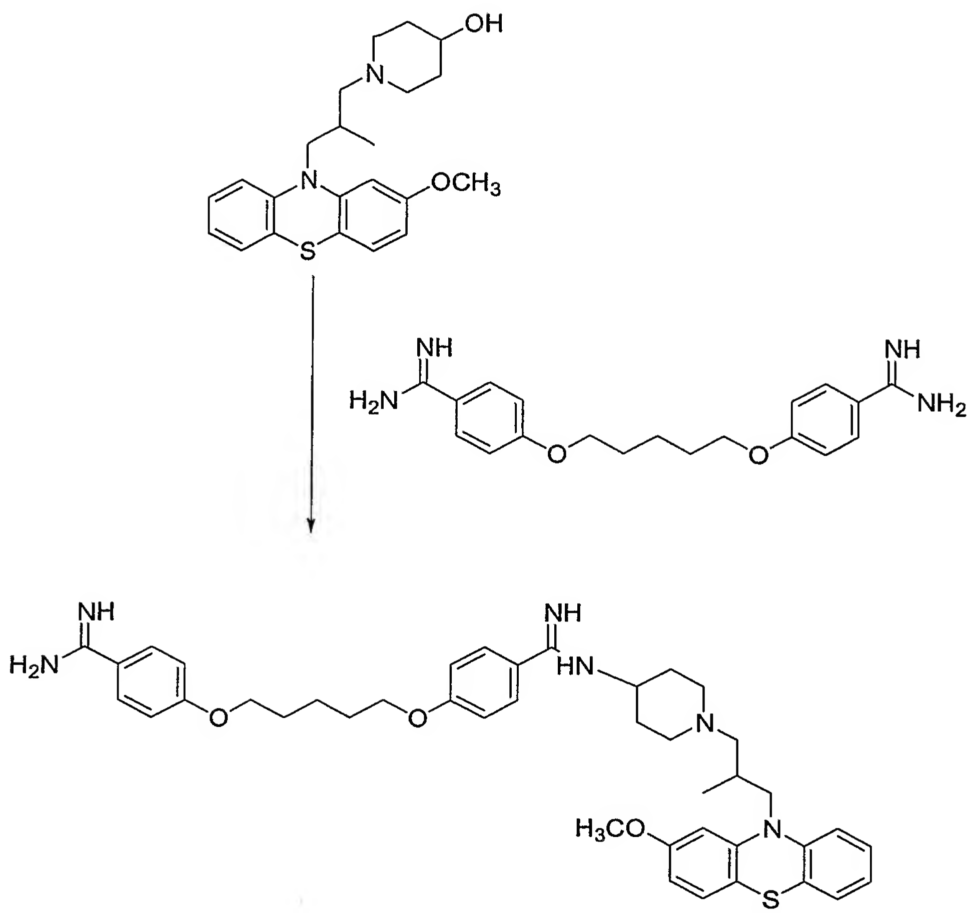
Chlorpromazine can be conjugated to an activated PEG (e.g., a mesylate, or halogenated PEG compound) as shown in reaction 4.



reaction 4

Example 5: Pentamidine conjugates of phenothiazines

Pentamadine conjugates of phenothiazine can be prepared using a variety of conjugation techniques. For example, reaction 5 shows perimethazine, the alcohol activated in situ (e.g., using mesylchloride), followed by alkylation of pentamidine to form the conjugate product of the two therpeutic agents.



reaction 5

Example 6: *Animal assays*

Animal assays to determine the reduction of side effects and/or reduced CNS activity are well known in the art and are standard measures for pharmacokinetic studies. For example, drug distribution can be assessed in an animal model as described in Tsuneizumi et al., *Biol.Psychiatry*, 1992, 32:817-834.

All publications and patents cited in this specification are incorporated herein by reference as if each individual publication or patent were specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference. Although the

foregoing invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in light of the teachings of this invention that certain changes and modifications may be made thereto without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

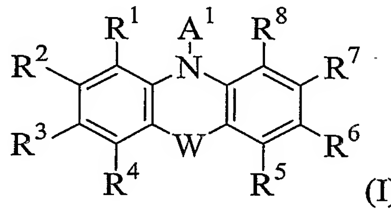
What is claimed is:

Claims

1. A phenothiazine conjugate comprising a phenothiazine attached to a group that is either a bulky group of greater than 200 daltons or a charged group of less than 200 daltons, wherein said phenothiazine conjugate has anti-proliferative activity *in vivo* and either enhanced activity in a neoplasm or reduced activity in the central nervous system in comparison to said phenothiazine without said group.

2. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 1, wherein said phenothiazine is covalently attached via a linker to said group.

3. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 2 having formula (I):

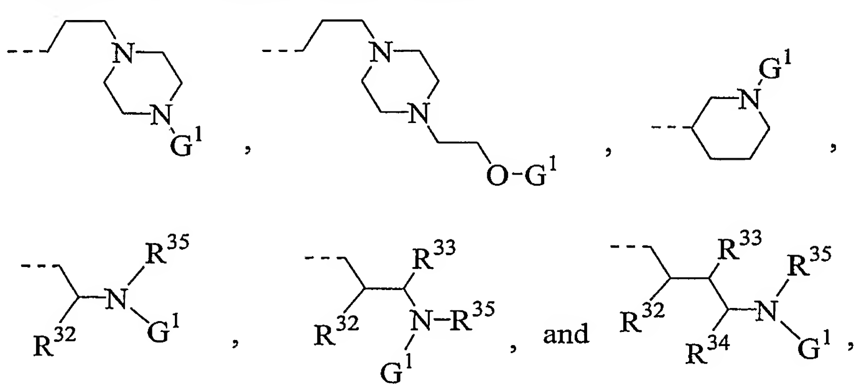


(I)

wherein

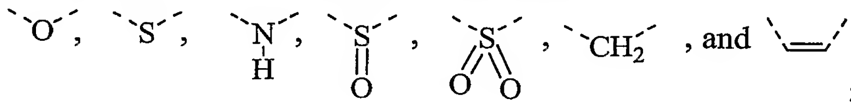
R^2 is selected from the group consisting of: CF_3, halogen, OCH_3, $COCH_3$, CN, OCF_3, $COCH_2CH_3$, $CO(CH_2)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, and SCH_2CH_3;

A^1 is selected from the group consisting of G^1,



;

each of R^1, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, and R^8 is independently H, OH, F, OCF_3, or OCH_3;
R^{32}, R^{33}, R^{34}, and R^{35}, are each, independently, selected from H or C_{1-6} alkyl;
W is selected from the group consisting of: NO,



; and

G^1 is a bond between the phenothiazine and the linker.

4. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 3, wherein said linker is described by formula (II):

$$G^1\text{-}(Z^1)_o\text{-}(Y^1)_u\text{-}(Z^2)_s\text{-}(R^9)\text{-}(Z^3)_t\text{-}(Y^2)_v\text{-}(Z^4)_p\text{–}G^2 \tag{II}$$

wherein
G^1 is a bond between said phenothiazine and said linker;
G^2 is a bond between said linker and said bulky group or between said linker and said charged group;
Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, and Z^4 each, independently, is selected from O, S, and NR^{39};
R^{39} is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} alkyl group;
Y^1 and Y^2 are each, independently, selected from carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, sulphonyl, or phosphoryl;
o, p, s, t, u, and v are each, independently, 0 or 1; and
R^9 is C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} heteroalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, a C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{5-10} aryl, a cyclic system of 3 to 10 atoms, or a chemical bond linking $G^1\text{-}(Z^1)_o\text{-}(Y^1)_u\text{-}(Z^2)_s\text{-}$ to $\text{-}(Z^3)_t\text{-}(Y^2)_v\text{-}(Z^4)_p\text{–}G^2$.

5. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 1, wherein said bulky group comprises a naturally occurring polymer or a synthetic polymer.

6. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 5, wherein said naturally occurring polymer is a glycoprotein, a polypeptide, or a polysaccharide.

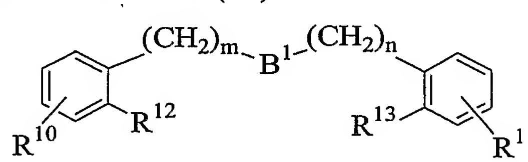
7. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 5, wherein said bulky group comprises hyaluronic acid or alpha-1-acid glycoprotein.

8. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 5, wherein said synthetic polymer is a polyethylene glycol or N-hxg.

9. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 1, wherein said charged group is a polyanion comprising at least three negatively charged moieties.

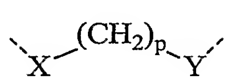
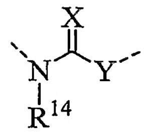
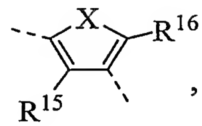
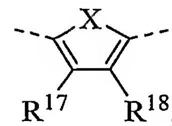
10. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 1, wherein said charged group is a polycation comprising at least three positively charged moieties.

11. The phenothiazine conjugate of claim 1, wherein said bulky group comprises a compound of formula (III):



(III),

wherein B^1 is

, , , or ,

wherein

each of X and Y is, independently, O, NR^{19}, or S,

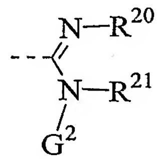
each of R^{14} and R^{19} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl,

each of R^{15}, R^{16}, R^{17}, and R^{18} is, independently, H, halogen, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl,

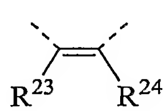
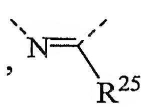
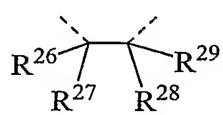
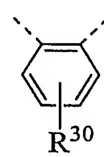
p is an integer between 2 and 6, inclusive,

each of m and n is, independently, an integer between 0 and 2, inclusive,

each of R^{10} and R^{11} is

,

wherein R^{21} is H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, acyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, R^{20} is H, OH, or acyl, or R^{20} and R^{21} together represent

, , , , or ,

wherein each of R^{23}, R^{24}, and R^{25} is, independently, H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, each of R^{26}, R^{27}, R^{28}, and R^{29} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl,

C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, and R^{30} is H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, NO_2, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl,

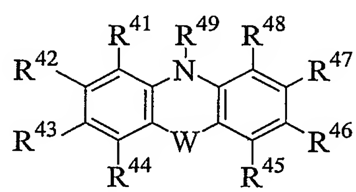
each of R^{12} and R^{13} is, independently, H, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3, OCF_3, NO_2, and NH_2, or R^{12} and R^{13} together form a single bond; and G^2 is a bond between the compound of formula (III) and the linker.

12. A liposomal composition comprising a phenothiazine conjugate of any of claims 1-11.

13. The liposomal composition of claims 12, further comprising an antiproliferative agent.

14. A liposomal composition comprising:

(a) a compound of formula (IV):



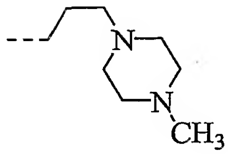
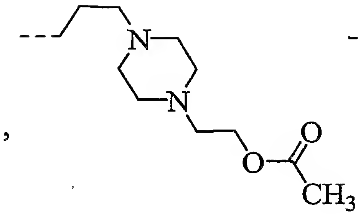
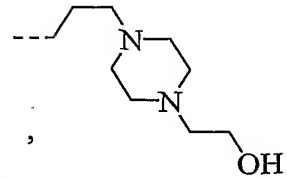
(IV)

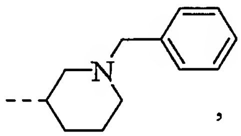
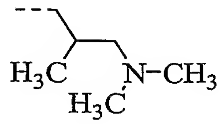
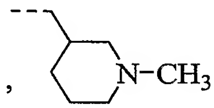
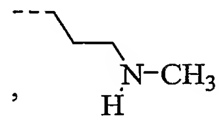
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

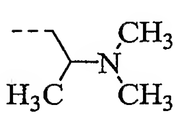
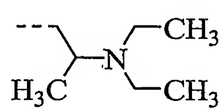
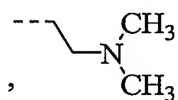
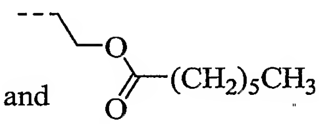
wherein

R^{42} is selected from the group consisting of: CF_3, halogen, OCH_3, $COCH_3$, CN, OCF_3, $COCH_2CH_3$, $CO(CH_2)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2CH_3$, $S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, and SCH_2CH_3;

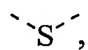
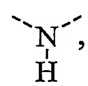
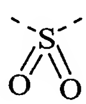
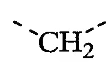
R^{49} is selected from the group consisting of:

, , ,

, , , ,

, , , and ;

each of R^{41}, R^{43}, R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47}, and R^{48} is independently H, OH, F, OCF_3, or OCH_3; and W is selected from the group consisting of: NO,

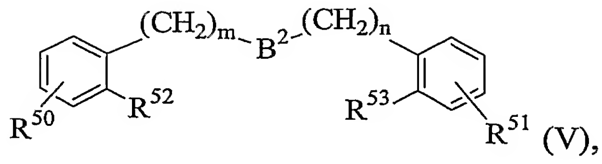
, , , , , , and , and

(b) an antiproliferative agent,

wherein said compound of formula (IV) and antiproliferative agent are each present in amounts that together are sufficient to treat or inhibit the development of a neoplasm in a patient.

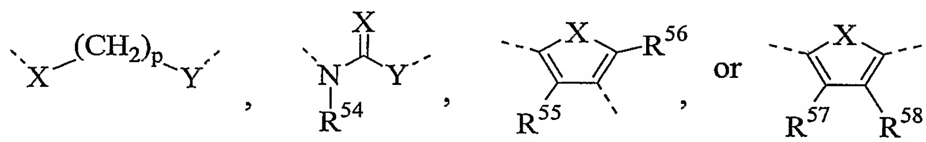
15. The liposomal composition of claim 14, wherein said compound of formula (IV) is selected from acepromazine, chlorpromazine, cyamemazine, fluphenazine, mepazine, methotrimeprazine, methoxypromazine, perazine, perphenazine, prochlorperazine, promethazine, propiomazine, thiethylperazine, thiopropazate, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, and triflupromazine.

16. The liposomal composition of any of claims 13-15, wherein said antiproliferative agent is a compound of formula (V):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein B^2 is



wherein

each of X and Y is, independently, O, NR^{59}, or S,

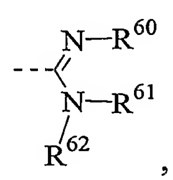
each of R^{54} and R^{59} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl,

each of R^{55}, R^{56}, R^{57}, and R^{58} is, independently, H, halogen, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl,

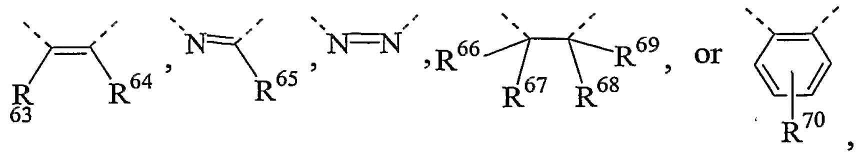
p is an integer between 2 and 6, inclusive,

each of m and n is, independently, an integer between 0 and 2, inclusive,

each of R^{50} and R^{51} is



wherein R^{61} is H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, acyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, R^{62} is H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, acyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, and R^{60} is H, OH, or acyl,, or R^{60} and R^{61} together represent



wherein each of R^{63}, R^{64}, and R^{65} is, independently, H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, each of R^{66}, R^{67}, R^{68}, and R^{69} is, independently, H, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl, and R^{30} is H, halogen, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, NO_2, C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl, C_{2-7} alkynyl, C_{2-6} heterocyclyl, C_{6-12} aryl, C_{7-14} alkaryl, C_{3-10} alkheterocyclyl, alkoxy, arlyoxy, or C_{1-7} heteroalkyl,

each of R^{52} and R^{53} is, independently, H, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3, OCF_3, NO_2, and NH_2, or R^{52} and R^{53} together form a single bond.

17. The liposomal composition of claim 16, wherein said compound of formula (V) is selected from pentamidine, propamidine, butamidine, heptamidine, nonamidine, stilbamidine, hydroxystilbamidine, diminazene, dibrompropamidine, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene, and 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime.

18. The liposomal composition of claim 17, wherein said compound of formula (IV) is chlorpromazine, perphenazine or promethazine and said compound of formula (V) is pentamidine, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, or 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime.

19. A liposomal composition comprising:

a) a first compound selected from acepromazine, chlorfenethazine, chlorpromazine, cyamemazine, fluphenazine, mepazine, methotrimeprazine, methoxypromazine, norchlorpromazine, perazine, perphenazine, prochlorperazine, promethazine, propiomazine, putaperazine, thiethylperazine, thiopropazate, thioridazine, trifluoperazine, and triflupromazine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

b) a second compound selected from pentamidine, propamidine, butamidine, heptamidine, nonamidine, stilbamidine, hydroxystilbamidine, diminazene, benzamidine, phenamidine, dibrompropamidine, 1,3-bis(4-amidino-2-methoxyphenoxy)propane, netropsin, distamycin, phenamidine, amicarbalide, bleomycin, actinomycin, daunorubicin, 1,3-bis(4-amidino-2-methoxyphenoxy)propane, phenamidine, amicarbalide, 1,5-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)pentane, 1,3-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,3-bis(2'-methoxy-4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,4-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)butane, 1,5-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)pentane, 1,4-bis(4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)butane, 1,3-bis(4'-(4-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 1,3-bis(2'-methoxy-4'-(N-hydroxyamidino)phenoxy)propane, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-amidoxime, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,5-bis[4-amidinophenyl]furan-bis-O-ethylamidoxime, 2,5-

bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-fluorophenyl, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)furan-bis-O-4-methoxyphenyl, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene, 2,5-bis(4-amidinophenyl) thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene, 2,4-bis(4-amidinophenyl)thiophene-bis-O-methylamidoxime, 2,8-diamidinodibenzothiophene, 2,8-bis(N-isopropylamidino)carbazole, 2,8-bis(N-hydroxyamidino)carbazole, 2,8-bis(2-imidazolinyl)dibenzothiophene, 2,8-bis(2-imidazolinyl)-5,5-dioxodibenzothiophene, 3,7-diamidinodibenzothiophene, 3,7-bis(N-isopropylamidino)dibenzothiophene, 3,7-bis(N-hydroxyamidino)dibenzothiophene, 3,7-diaminodibenzothiophene, 3,7-dibromodibenzothiophene, 3,7-dicyanodibenzothiophene, 2,8-diamidinodibenzofuran, 2,8-di(2-imidazolinyl)dibenzofuran, 2,8-di(N-isopropylamidino)dibenzofuran, 2,8-di(N-hydroxylamidino)dibenzofuran, 3,7-di(2-imidazolinyl)dibenzofuran, 3,7-di(isopropylamidino)dibenzofuran, 3,7-di(N-hydroxylamidino)dibenzofuran, 2,8-dicyanodibenzofuran, 4,4'-dibromo-2,2'-dinitrobiphenyl, 2-methoxy-2'-nitro-4,4'-dibromobiphenyl, 2-methoxy-2'-amino-4,4'-dibromobiphenyl, 3,7-dibromodibenzofuran, 3,7-dicyanodibenzofuran, 2,5-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)pyrrole, 2,5-bis[5-(2-imidazolinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyrrole, 2,6-bis[5-(2-imidazolinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyridine, 1-methyl-2,5-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)pyrrole, 1-methyl-2,5-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyrrole, 1-methyl-2,5-bis[5-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrimidinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyrrole, 2,6-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazoyl)pyridine, 2,6-bis[5-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrimidinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]pyridine, 2,5-bis(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)furan, 2,5-bis-[5-(2-imidazolinyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]furan, 2,5-bis-(5-N-isopropylamidino-2-benzimidazolyl)furan, 2,5-bis-(4-guanylphenyl)furan, 2,5-bis(4-guanylphenyl)-

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bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2,3-diethyl-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1,3-butadiene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-imidazolyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]methane, 1,2-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]ethane, 1,3-bis[5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,3-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]propane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]butane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-methylbutane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-ethylbutane, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1-methyl-1-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2,3-diethyl-2-butene, 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-1,3-butadiene, and 1,4-bis[5-(2-pyrimidyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]-2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, 2,4-bis(4-guanylphenyl)pyrimidine, 2,4-bis(4-imidazolin-2-yl)pyrimidine, 2,4-bis[(tetrahydropyrimidinyl-2-yl)phenyl]pyrimidine, 2-(4-[N-i-propylguanyl]phenyl)-4-(2-methoxy-4-[N-i-propylguanyl]phenyl)pyrimidine, 4-(N-cyclopentylamidino)-1,2-phenylene diamine, 2,5-bis-[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]furan, 2,5-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 1-methyl-2,5-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]pyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]-1-methylpyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-cyclopentylamidino)benzimidazoyl]-1-methylpyrrole, 2,5-bis[2-(5-N-isopropylamidino)benzimidazoyl]thiophene, 2,6-bis[2-{5-(2-imidazolino)}benzimidazoyl]pyridine, 2,6-bis[2-(5-amidino)benzimidazoyl]pyridine, 4,4'-bis[2-(5-N-

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wherein said first compound and said second compound are each present in amounts that together are sufficient to treat or inhibit the development of a neoplasm in said patient.

20. A method for treating a patient who has a neoplasm, or inhibiting the development of a neoplasm in a patient who is at risk for developing a neoplasm by administering to the patient an effective amount of a composition of any of claims 1-19.

21. A method for treating a patient who has a neoplasm, or inhibiting the development of a neoplasm in a patient who is at risk for developing a neoplasm by administering to the patient a phenothiazine conjugate of claim 1 and an antiproliferative agent, wherein each are administered in amounts that together are effective to inhibit the growth of a neoplasm in said patient.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein said phenothiazine conjugate and said antiproliferative agent are administered within thirty days of each other.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said phenothiazine conjugate and said antiproliferative agent are administered within five days of each other.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein said phenothiazine conjugate and said antiproliferative agent are administered within twenty-four hours of each other.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein said phenothiazine conjugate and said antiproliferative agent are administered simultaneously.

26. The method of claims 20-25, wherein said neoplasm is cancer.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein said cancer is selected from the group consisting of acute leukemia, acute lymphocytic leukemia, acute myelocytic leukemia, acute myeloblastic leukemia, acute promyelocytic leukemia, acute myelomonocytic leukemia, acute monocytic leukemia, acute erythroleukemia, chronic leukemia, chronic myelocytic leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, polycythemia vera, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's disease, Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia, heavy chain disease, fibrosarcoma, myxosarcoma,

liposarcoma, chondrosarcoma, osteogenic sarcoma, chordoma, angiosarcoma, endotheliosarcoma, lymphangiosarcoma, lymphangioendotheliosarcoma, synovioma, mesothelioma, Ewing's tumor, leiomyosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, colon carcinoma, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, sweat gland carcinoma, sebaceous gland carcinoma, papillary carcinoma, papillary adenocarcinomas, cystadenocarcinoma, medullary carcinoma, bronchogenic carcinoma, renal cell carcinoma, hepatoma, bile duct carcinoma, choriocarcinoma, seminoma, embryonal carcinoma, Wilm's tumor, cervical cancer, uterine cancer, testicular cancer, lung carcinoma, small cell lung carcinoma, bladder carcinoma, epithelial carcinoma, glioma, astrocytoma, medulloblastoma, craniopharyngioma, ependymoma, pinealoma, hemangioblastoma, acoustic neuroma, oligodendriglioma, schwannoma, meningioma, melanoma, neuroblastoma, retinoblastoma, gastric cancer, esophageal cancer, head and neck cancer, and thyroid cancer.

28. A method for inhibiting passage across the blood-brain barrier of a phenothiazine, said method comprising covalently attaching a group that is a bulky group of greater than 200 daltons or a charged group of less than 200 daltons, wherein said group increases the size, or alters the charge, of the phenothiazine sufficiently to inhibit passage across the blood-brain barrier without destroying the antiproliferative activity of said phenothiazine.

29. A method for reducing the CNS activity of phenothiazine, said method comprising covalently attaching a group that is a bulky group of greater than 200 daltons or a charged group of less than 200 daltons, wherein said group increases the size, or alters the charge, of the phenothiazine sufficiently to reduce the CNS activity.